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On Our Cover:

The Epping Safety Complex was built for \$1.4 million dollars and houses the Epping Police Department and the Epping Fire Department. These departments officially moved into their new facility on January 8, 2001. Ricci Construction was the builder for the project and Samyn D'Elia was the architect. The Board of Selectmen thanks the Building Committee for the enormous amount of time and effort that was spent by them on this endeavor.

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Dedication

ROBERT K. DODGE

Born in Manchester, NH on June 3, 1928 the only child of Victoria and Frederick Dodge. Bob, as he is most commonly referred to moved to a home on Cate St. in August of 1972.

He was educated in Manchester schools graduating from Manchester Central High School in 1946. Bob started working at an early age caring for his ailing mother who was suffering from rheumatoid arthritis. He worked at the old Sundial Shoe factory in Manchester during his High School days and several other odd jobs all in effort to support his mother. After graduating High School, Bob joined the United States Air Force and attended cadet flight training school. His training was cut short, however, due to his mother's illness and so he served the rest of his term at Grenier Field, which is now known as the Manchester Airport. After serving his country, Bob worked for NH Supply Company calling on several businesses around the State including a hardware store on Main St. in Epping, a store he would later purchase. Prior to moving to Epping Bob worked as an Executive with Carborondum Company from 1957 until 1967 and the Michigan Chemical Corporation from 1967 until 1972. His job took him to many parts of the country; Leavittown, PA, Little Rock, AR, St. Louis, MO, Lincoln, RI, and Belle Meade, NJ. With long hours, numerous business trips, and less time with his family, Bob decided to leave that life behind and settle down in Epping, NH where he owned and operated Dodge General Supply for four years. Bob also hosted the radio talk show "Coffee Chat" on WKXR in Exeter from 1977 until 1980. He was also a bailiff with the Rockingham County Sheriff's Department from 1980 to 1982 and worked for the State of New Hampshire Dog Track in Seabrook from 1982 until 1984. Bob entered sales with Gorton Communication in 1984 and stayed in that field until 1988 when he went to work for Whitcher Lumber and Star Lumber until his retirement in 1993.

Bob was always interested in politics and first served as Vice-Chairman of the Lincoln, RI Republican Party and on the Zoning Board of Adjustment in early 1960's. He entered the political arena again when he was elected to a three-year term with the Epping Board of Selectmen in March of 1974. He was proud to serve the Town during the Nation's Bicentennial celebration and road in an antique open car during the Town parade dressed in era clothing including a top hat. He served a consecutive one-year term as Selectman in 1977. While on the Board of Selectmen he was instrumental in having the State Police build their Troop A barracks on Route 125. Bob also served on the Rockingham Planning Commission and several other boards. He always based his decisions with the "good" of Epping in mind. After leaving the Board of Selectman in 1978, he left politics for awhile until he ran a successful campaign to become State Representative in November of 1994 serving District #4, the Towns of Epping, Nottingham and Northwood. Before his term was over, he aspired to be a State Senator and campaigned hard for that position but lost in the primary. The defeat did not discourage him for running yet again in November 2000 when he was elected to another two-year term on the House of Representatives. Regretfully, he had to resign that position when he moved out of district to Fremont, NH with Irene, his wife of 47 years.

Epping dedicates this years Town Report to you Bob with all our thanks and best wishes.



Epping's Annual Town Report for the year 2000 is lovingly dedicated to (left) Robert K. Dodge and his son, Gregory C. Dodge, Epping's current Chief of Police.

GREGORY C. DODGE

Greg served the Town of Epping for the past 20 years with compassion, concern, with the well being of the residents in mind, and always keeping his sense of humor.

Greg was born in Manchester, New Hampshire on January 13, 1957 and moved with his family to: Pennsylvania, Arkansas, Missouri, Rhode Island and New Jersey before returning to the Granite State for Greg's high school sophomore year. He graduated in 1975 and left the following Fall for the Army. Greg was in the military police until 1978.

Following his military service he worked for the Rockingham County Department of Corrections and Epping as a part-time officer until becoming a full-time officer in 1980. Shortly after, when Police Chief Robert Denyou, Jr. made a career change, he encouraged Greg to run for Police Chief, even paying his dollar sign up fee. Greg was elected in March of 1981, becoming the youngest Police Chief in the State and the last Police Chief to have to run for public office. Greg and his wife, Lisa, were married in 1988 and have two children, Courtney and Katharine.

Greg was selected and attended the prestigious FBI Academy in Virginia and graduated in March of 1994. He is currently Second Vice President of the New Hampshire Association of Chiefs of Police and will be President in 2003.

Greg is very well liked and respected by his officers and coworkers. Epping commends Greg for his efforts and dedicates this year's Town Report to him and wishes him the best for the future.

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State of New Hampshire Town of Epping

March 20, 2001

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Harold LaPierre at 7:00PM. The results of the election held Tuesday March 13, 2001 were read and are as follows.

ARTICLE 1: To select persons to fill the following elected positions:

Budget Committee for 1 year
851 James White
James White was elected

Budget Committee for 3 years
878 Robert Goodrich
711 Terry Sheehan
726 Dale Smith
Robert Goodrich, Terry Sheehan, and Dale Smith were elected

Cemetery Trustee for 3 years
37 Fred Semprini
25 Marilyn Perry
24 Daniel Harvey
11 Joseph Denoncour
Fred Semprini was elected

Fire Ward for 3 years
877 Michael King
Michael King was elected

Library Trustee for 3 years
899 Patricia VanWagoner
18 Mary Lou Nowe
Patricia VanWagoner was elected

Selectman for 3 years
785 Tom Gauthier
386 Ron LaChance
439 Don Sisson
636 Kim Sullivan
Tom Gauthier and Kim Sullivan were elected

Tax Collector for 3 years
1035 Linda Foley
Linda Foley was elected

Town Clerk for 3 years
1030 Linda Foley was elected

Trust Fund Trustee for 3 years
922 Joseph Denoncour
13 Mary Lou Nowe
Joseph Denoncour was elected

Water & Sewer Commissioner for 3 years
874 Michael King
Michael King was elected

Zoning Board of Adjustment for 3 years
382 Paul Brown
501 Tom Dwyer Jr.
666 Steven Illsley

298 Thomas Sutcliffe
Tom Dwyer Jr. and Steve Illsley were elected.

ARTICLE 2: Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Epping Town Meeting on the second Tuesday of March? (3/5 majority vote required, submitted by petition.)
*Results: 681-YES 451-NO
Needed to Pass – 600 Article 2 Passed*

ARTICLE 3: Are you in favor of the adoption of Warrant Article 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Epping Zoning Ordinance as follows:
To amend the Epping Zoning Ordinance to add a new section to the ordinance entitled Impact Fee Ordinance (copy attached to this Warrant). This ordinance will allow the Planning Board to prepare studies, adopt methodologies and assess impact fees for capital improvements associated with residential and non-residential development in accordance with RSA 674:21. This change will potentially affect anyone who owns or wishes to buy, develop or use land in the Town of Epping. (Majority vote required. Recommended by the Planning Board.)
*Results: 628-YES 480-NO
Article 3 Passed*

Susan McGeough read the dedication of the Annual Report to Roger Gauthier, and he was presented with a commemorative clock. Chris Murphy, Greg Dodge, and Tom Gauthier presented a plaque to

IMPORTANT MEETING DATES AND TIMES

Deliberating Session:

February 5, 2002 at 7:00 P.M. at the Middle-High School

Ballot Voting:

March 12, 2002 from 8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. at Town Hall

Scott Booth in recognition or his contribution to the Safety Complex Building Committee. Finally Chris Murphy recognized Cliff Cray, for his 22 years of service as a Fire Ward and Ambulance Driver, and Hank Letourneau. Hank has been named Paramedic of the Year for the State of New Hampshire.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of upgrading the Waste Water Treatment Facility; and to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Ninety Six Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Four Dollars (\$296,984) to be placed in this fund; this sum to come from the existing Wastewater Reserve accounts "reserved for expansion" and "unreserved" and no amount to be raised from taxation; and appoint the Board of Selectmen as the agent to expend said fund. (Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and by the Municipal Budget Committee.)

Results: A motion was made by Tom Gauthier and seconded by Kim Sullivan to accept the article as read. Water & Sewer Commissioner Henry DeBoer explained the article. The commission asked for bids on the Waste Water Treatment Facility for a plant with a capacity of 500,000 gallons per day, and for 350,000 gallons per day. They would like to build the plant with the 500,000 gallon capacity since this will meet our needs well into the future. Although we have received grants totaling \$5,000,000, they need

additional funds in order to pay for the larger facility. The Water & Sewer Commission has \$400,000 in a reserve account and they would like to use \$296,984 of this fund for the project. A vote was taken and Article 4 PASSED with a hand vote.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of establishing a second municipal well (Hoar Well #2) on the land owned by the Town on Beniah Lane; and to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Six Thousand Dollars (\$106,000) to be placed in this fund; this sum to come from the existing water reserve accounts "reserved for expansion" and "unreserved" and no amount to be raised from taxation; and appoint the Board of Selectmen as the agent to expend said fund. (Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and by the Municipal Budget Committee.)

Results: A motion was made by Tom Gauthier and seconded by Kim Sullivan to accept the article as read. Water & Sewer Commissioner Henry DeBoer explained that a second well has been drilled on the Hoar Pond site and appears to be a good source of water. The Commission wants to do some testing to be sure that using this well will not affect wells on nearby properties. A vote was taken and Article 5 PASSED with a hand vote.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions

of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of repairing, upgrading and extending the water mains on Route 125 to the south of the intersection of Route 27; and to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Two Thousand Dollars (\$52,000) to be placed in this fund; this sum to come from the existing water reserve accounts "reserved for expansion" and "unreserved" and no amount to be raised from taxation; and appoint the Board of Selectmen as the agent to expend said fund. (Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and by the Municipal Budget Committee.)

Results: A motion was made by Tom Gauthier and seconded by Kim Sullivan to accept the article as read. Water & Sewer Commissioner Michael King stated that this article was to repair existing lines on Route 125, and this is the first step in upgrading this part of the system. A vote was taken and Article 6 PASSED with a hand vote.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Three Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$23,750) for needed repairs on the Town Hall Clock Tower and Emergency Stairwell. (Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and by the Municipal Budget Committee.)

Results: A motion was made by Tom Gauthier and seconded by Kim Sullivan to accept the article as read. Selectman Gauthier explained that there are bricks loose on the bell

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tower and some wall braces are also coming loose. The plan is to have the bell tower repointed and to close up the openings in the tower so that birds cannot get in. Ron LaChance asked how the Selectmen had arrived at the dollar amount. Selectman Gauthier stated that Charles Comtois who is a mason, and Paul Langdon have looked at the project and the amount being asked for is a combination of their estimates. A vote was taken and Article 7 PASSED with a hand vote.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will approve within the provisions of RSA 273-A:3 the cost items included in the three (3) year Collective Bargaining Agreement reached with the International Brotherhood of Police Officers which calls an estimated increase of Fourteen Thousand One Hundred Seventy Six Dollars (\$ 14,176) in fiscal year 2002, and Eighteen Thousand Three Hundred Sixty One Dollars (\$18,361) in fiscal year 2003 over fiscal year 2000. And further to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventeen Thousand One Hundred Two Dollars (\$17,102) in fiscal year 2001, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year. (Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and by the Municipal Budget Committee.)

Results: A motion was made by Tom Gauthier and seconded by Kim Sullivan to accept the article as read. Chief Dodge explained that this arti-

cle covers the cost items of the agreement for this year only. The contract is the result of some last minute negotiations which affected vacation time, an education incentive, and going from a 5 step to a 10 step pay scale. A vote was taken and Article 8 PASSED with a hand vote.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a three (3) year lease agreement for the purpose of leasing and equipping two (2) police cruisers for the Police Department; and to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Two Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Five Dollars (\$22,625) for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease agreement will contain a non-appropriation clause and is expected to cost a grand total of Fifty Seven Thousand Three Hundred Eighteen Dollars (\$57,318) with a One Dollar (\$1.00) purchase option at the end of the lease term. (Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and by the Municipal Budget Committee.) *Results: A motion was made by Tom Gauthier and seconded by Kim Sullivan to accept the article as read. Chief Dodge explained that this article was to lease and equip two new cruisers. The cost of the lease is more this year than in the next two years because the cost of the equipment needs to be paid this year. He had originally wanted to lease three new vehicles, but reduced his request to only two. A vote was taken and Article 9 PASSED with a hand vote.*

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town

will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Seven Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$77,650) to hire three additional full-time police officers. (Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and by the Municipal Budget Committee.)

Results: A motion was made by Tom Gauthier and seconded by Kim Sullivan to accept the article as read. Chief Dodge stated that this article would increase his staffing so that every officer would always have at least one other officer on duty as backup. It would also allow our department to be proactive instead of reactive. Although he had originally requested funding at \$88,000 he later reduced the figure to \$77,650. Tom Gauthier asked what the cost of this staffing would be next year. Greg answered that it would be \$110,000. Kim Sullivan requested that the Town not increase the size of the police force this quickly. He would prefer to use impact fees from developers to increase the number of the officers as we get more growth. He made a motion to amend the article to reduce the funding level to Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) for one officer. The motion was seconded by Phil Primack. Chief Dodge responded that over the last 20 years he has always delayed asking for more personnel and equipment if at all possible. This year his officers convinced him that to operate at the current staffing level was creating a damaging environment. Dale Smith spoke in favor of the original article and stated that impact fees could only be used for capital expenses, not for salaries. A hand vote was taken on the amendment and the amendment

failed. The original article was then voted and Article 10 PASSED with a hand vote.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) under the provisions of RSA 35:1 to be placed in a Capital Reserve Fund for the purposes of purchasing and installing an elevator in the Town's Safety Complex; and appoint the Board of Selectmen as the agent to expend said fund. (Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and by the Municipal Budget Committee.)

Results: A motion was made by Jim McGeough and seconded by Ron LaChance to Table this article. A hand vote was taken and Article 11 was TABLED.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) for the purpose of purchasing and installing an elevator in the Town's Safety Complex. (Majority vote required. Submitted by Petition.)

Results: A motion was made by Tom Gauthier and seconded by Kim Sullivan to accept the article as read. Chief Murphy explained that in the rush to complete the building and prepare his budget, he neglected to get all substantiating information to the Board of Selectmen. The elevator is needed to comply with the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act. It is required before a Certificate of Occupancy can be legally issued. If anyone filed a complaint, the Department of Justice would give us

only 3 to 6 months to correct the problem. He is presently holding back fees to the contractor until he is sure all requested work has been completed. The contractor has created a box that he states is the correct size for the elevator. If we do not find out for several years that the box is the wrong size, we would not be able to hold the builder responsible. Jim McGeough questioned why the Town could not fund this over a period of several years the way it was done at the Middle High School. He expects there will be some changes in the requirements in the future and suggested that the Town would be better off waiting. Chief Murphy replied that the school already had an electric chair lift to help meet their requirement. He urged the Town to vote for this article, not out of fear that we would be sued, but because it is the right thing to do. A counted hand vote was taken. YES-118 NO-75. Article 12 PASSED.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a five (5) year lease agreement for the purpose of leasing and equipping an Ambulance for the Fire Department; and to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Two Dollars and Eighty-Two Cents (\$12,472.82) for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease agreement will contain a non-appropriation clause and is expected to cost a grand total of One Hundred Twenty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Eight Dollars and Twenty Cents (\$124,728.20) with a One Dollar (\$1.00) purchase option at the end

of the lease term. (Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and by the Municipal Budget Committee.)
Results: A motion was made by Tom Gauthier and seconded by Kim Sullivan to accept the article as read. Chief Murphy explained that the last ambulance purchased was paid off in February and this article is to replace the 1985 Ford. This older ambulance is a van rather than a box style, and there is not enough room in it for a paramedic and the necessary equipment. A new ambulance will cost \$86,000. The rest of the funds will be used to update the equipment that goes in it. Typically the life of an ambulance and equipment is ten years, and the lease is for five years. Last year ambulance fees resulted in income of over \$96,000 which was contributed to the Safety Complex fund, so ambulance service is revenue producing. Kim Sullivan made the point that is costs the Town about \$200,000 to provide the service versus the \$100,000 in income. In addition, there is a mortgage on the Safety Complex of \$20,000 to \$30,000 more than the revenue produced. The Town will take funds from its Highway Budget to pave the parking area, and pay \$20,000 to \$25,000 for power and maintenance for the new facility. All of these expenses will be paid through taxes. Ron LaChance asked what the Town has as a surplus and if any of this money could be used for these expenses. Selectman Sullivan replied that the Town has a surplus of approximately \$900,000, but our auditors and DRA recommend that we keep

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\$600,000 in reserve. This leaves only \$300,000. If we are faced with replacing Mill Street Bridge or closing the Land Fill, these funds will not last long. Ron LaChance asked what the impact of this article would be on the tax rate. Selectman Sullivan replied that it would be about seven cents this year, but would be more next year. Chief Murphy responded that the Town has an obligation to provide Fire and Ambulance services whether there is revenue generated or not. Grace Lavoie urged people to support this article. She has learned through her son's involvement that the Town has many more ambulance calls than people realize. A vote was taken on the article and Article 13 PASSED with a hand vote.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) under the provisions of RSA 35:1 to be placed in the existing Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of a Highway Department 6-wheel dump truck; the Board of Selectmen have been appointed the agent to expend said fund. (Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and by the Municipal Budget Committee.)

Results: A motion was made by Tom Gauthier and seconded by Kim Sullivan to accept the article as read. Selectman Gauthier stated that this was the third year the Town was being asked to raise this amount, and this would give us \$45,000 to purchase a used 6-wheel truck. During this winter our present 6-wheel truck spent more time being repaired than

on the road and the Town badly needs to replace it. A vote was taken and Article 14 PASSED with a hand vote.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for the purpose of creating burial space as required by RSA 289:2. (Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and by the Municipal Budget Committee.)

Results: A motion was made by Tom Gauthier and seconded by Kim Sullivan to accept the article as read. Susan McGeough explained that Prospect Cemetery has very little room left and the Town must provide burial space for its residents. Seven acres of land that abuts the cemetery was given to the Town by Ed White, and some engineering work needs to be done to determine how best to develop this piece. Ron LaChance stated that the Town lost revenue from interest and costs to obtain this piece of land, and asked if the land would meet the state requirements of being at least 100 feet from the nearest dwelling and 50 feet from the nearest water. Selectmen McGeough stated that \$11,381 in interest and costs were forgiven for Mr. White. Also, the Selectmen are aware of the buffers required for cemetery land. Both Ron Cote and Blaine Cox have looked at the land and agree that it would meet state requirements and could be used. A vote was taken and Article 15 PASSED with a hand vote.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand

Dollars (\$3,000) in support of the Epping Youth Athletic Association. (Majority vote required.)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and by the Municipal Budget Committee.)

Results: A motion was made by Tom Gauthier and seconded by Kim Sullivan to accept the article as read. Budget Committee Chairman Jim McGeough spoke in support of this article. He emphasized that all the children in the program were from Epping and the association has asked for the same level of funding every year. EYAA president Tom O'Day stated that almost 600 children are involved in EYAA programs during the year. There are programs for baseball, soccer and basketball. The people in town have been very generous in their time and skills over the years and he expressed his appreciation. A vote was taken and Article 16 PASSED with a hand vote.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Five Thousand Four Hundred Fourteen Dollars (\$35,414) to be distributed to the organizations listed on the next page in the amounts noted for services estimated to be rendered to residents of the Town during the year 2001. (Majority vote required. Submitted by the Board of Selectmen pursuant to RSA 31:131 and recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee.)

Results: A motion was made by Tom Gauthier and seconded by Kim Sullivan to accept the article as read. Jim McGeough explained the Budget Committee's view of this article. They see fourteen groups from outside the

town working to provide services for people in town. Requesting funds for the first time this year is the Adult Tutorial Program. There are between 12 and 20 Epping people who could be helped by this program. Since services provided by these organizations are for people in our town, we can either hire an administrator to oversee these programs, or we can contribute to these organizations and let them provide the services. Paul Spidle stated that he was not against any of these organizations, but felt there should be some accountability to the Selectmen or a contract. He questioned the legality of taxpayers being forced to give to these organizations. Fred Semprini came forward to state that he had received services from the

Adult Tutorial Program and Meals on Wheels and is very appreciative of the help. Colleen Schmidt urged the town to support services for all the residents in town. Dianne Gilbert spoke against the article. She felt the organizations should be accountable to the town and also stated that since 1991 the town has given \$400,000 to these organizations. She suggested that in the future the town obtain a contract and an invoice for services rendered. Roger Gauthier, Jennifer Yergeau and Mike King all spoke in favor of the article. Tom Gauthier pointed out that the organizations have provided the Budget Committee with the numbers of Epping residents being helped and felt there was no need for them to provide the names

of these individuals. A motion was made and seconded to move the question. A secret ballot was requested for this article. YES-175 NO-36 Article 17 PASSED

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to rescind the following two votes 1) the vote on Article 16 of the Town Warrant for the 1995 Town Meeting in which the Town voted "to deposit Ten Percent (10%) of the revenues collected pursuant to RSA 79-A:25, II (the Land Use Change Tax) into the Conservation Fund, but not more than will result in there being more than \$10,000 of such revenue in

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ARTICLE 17 FIGURES

| ORGANIZATION | 2000 APPROPRIATION | 2001 REQUEST | BOS RECOMMEND | BUDCOM RECOMMEND |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Aids Response Seacoast | \$0 | \$500 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Adult Tutorial Program | \$0 | \$500 | \$500 | \$500 |
| A Safe Place | \$500 | \$500 | \$500 | \$500 |
| American Red Cross | \$500 | \$500 | \$500 | \$500 |
| Area Homecare & Family Services | \$2,610 | \$2,610 | \$2,610 | \$2,610 |
| Child & Family Services | \$4,000 | \$4,000 | \$4,000 | \$4,000 |
| Community Diversion Program | \$1,590 | \$1,590 | \$1,590 | \$1,590 |
| Lamprey Health Care | \$3,600 | \$3,600 | \$3,600 | \$3,600 |
| Retired Senior Volunteer Program | \$300 | \$300 | \$300 | \$300 |
| Richie McFarland Children's Center | \$2,750 | \$2,750 | \$2,750 | \$2,750 |
| Rockingham County Community Action Program | \$8,507 | \$14,099 | \$9,350 | \$9,350 |
| Rockingham Nutrition & Meals On Wheels | \$3,724 | \$3,724 | \$3,724 | \$3,724 |
| Seacoast Big Brother/Big Sister Program | \$3,240 | \$3,240 | \$3,240 | \$3,240 |
| Seacoast Hospice | \$1,500 | \$1,500 | \$1,500 | \$1,500 |
| Sexual Assault Support Services | \$1,250 | \$1,250 | \$1,250 | \$1,250 |
| Totals: | \$34,071 | \$40,663 | \$35,414 | \$35,414 |

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the Conservation Fund at anytime" and 2) the vote on Article 13 of the Town Warrant of the 2000 Town Meeting in which the Town voted "to deposit fifty per cent (50%) of the revenues collected from the Land Use Change Tax (Current Use) pursuant to RSA 79-A:25, II into a separate Conservation Fund for the purchase of land or the acquisition of Conservation Easements, but not more than will result in there being more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) of such revenue in said Conservation Fund at any time; any disbursements or expenditures from said fund will require Board of Selectmen approval: further any Land Use Change Tax collected from land sold to the Town or School District would be exempt from the disbursement made to said Conservation Fund". (Passage of this article will result in all penalty fees from the Land Use Change Tax collected by the Town to be credited to the General Fund to reduce property taxes as originally promised and intended.) (Majority vote required. Submitted by petition.)

Results: A motion was made by Tom Gauthier and seconded by Kim Sullivan to accept the article as read. Mary Cloutier gave a history of Current Use and explained that in the 1970's this was established to help owners of large tracts of undeveloped land keep their land and preserve the state's natural resources. Seventy four percent of land in New Hampshire is in Current Use and does not substantially contribute to property taxes. When the land is developed and a penalty is levied, she feels that penalty should be used to

reduce the tax burden for the rest of the property owners. Of the 16,690 acres of land in Epping, 10,964 are in Current Use. She questioned whether it is a good thing to have more land owned by the Conservation Commission or under a Conservation Easement since that reduces the amount of land available for development and increased land prices. Conservation Commission Chairman Gerry Langdon spoke in favor of Current Use since land in Current Use creates the least tax burden on a town. Last year the Conservation Commission helped preserve two large pieces of land, one on Prescott Road and one on Dimond Hill Road. He urged the Town to keep contributing 50% of the Land Use Change Tax to the Conservation Commission, so that they can continue to promote open space. Phil Primack agreed that it was good common sense to want to keep the nature of the town rural and made a motion to move the question. It was seconded by Tom Gauthier and put to a vote. Article 18 FAILED with a hand vote.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to deposit ten percent (10%) of the revenues collected from the Land Use Change Tax (Current Use) pursuant to RSA 79-A:25, II into a separate Conservation Fund for the purchase of land or the acquisition of Conservation Easements, but not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) of such revenue shall be contributed to said Conservation Fund at any time during the current calendar year the penalty fee (LUCT) is collected by the Town. The balance

(90%) of all Penalty Fees from LUCT collected by the Town each calendar year will be credited to the Town General Fund and used to assist the reduction of appropriated property taxes. Any disbursements or expenditures from said fund would require Board of Selectmen approval. Further, any Land Use Change Tax (LUCT) collected from land sold to the Town or School District would be exempt from the disbursement made to said Conservation Fund. Furthermore, the acceptance of this Article will automatically rescind Article #13 passed at the 2000 Annual Town Meeting held on March 21, 2000. (Majority vote required. Submitted by petition.)

Results: A motion was made by Roger Gauthier and seconded by Steve Johnson to table the article. A hand vote was taken and Article 19 was TABLED.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town would support legislation to allow video gambling, for the purpose of raising revenue to meet the State's obligation to fund education under the New Hampshire Supreme Court's Claremont Decision, at the Mount Washington Hotel in Dixville Notch, Rockingham Park in Salem, Hinsdale Greyhound Park in Hinsdale, Lakes Region Greyhound Park in Belmont and Seabrook Greyhound Park in Seabrook. This is a non-binding article submitted by State Senator John "Jack" Barnes, Jr. to garner input on the issue of school funding. *Results: A motion was made by Tom Gauthier and seconded by Kim Sullivan to accept the article as read.*

Tom Gauthier explained that the Board of Selectmen had received a letter from Jack Barnes asking if the people think this is a feasible idea, and he is simply looking for input. There was a counted hand vote taken. YES-105 NO-81
Article 20 PASSED.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to amend the existing by-laws relating to general noise regulation using the attached text "NOISE (GENERAL) BY-LAWS." Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.)

Results: A motion was made by Tom Gauthier and seconded by Kim Sullivan to accept the article as read. Tom Gauthier explained that the Board of Selectmen has received several noise related complaints. The current Noise Ordinance is only one page long and does not give the police much authority to deal with complaints. They contacted several other towns which have noise ordinances, and with this information drafted one for Epping. Kim Sullivan stated that the ordinance was very general and gave the Police the authority to determine if the noise is unreasonable. This ordinance will not affect the race tracks since they operate under their own specific set of rules. Ton LaChance spoke against the article. Kim Sullivan replied that the noise must be considered unreasonable in order for the Town to prosecute, otherwise the Police cannot do anything. Salvatore Barbaso thought that the section regarding blowers should be eliminated since that might be construed to mean snow blowers. Andrew Sawyer pointed out that now removal equipment is

exempt from this ordinance so this should not be a concern. He urged anyone who wishes not to be disturbed by noise in the evenings to vote yes on this article. Chief Dodge explained that although there is a State statute regarding disorderly conduct, the police could not take any action unless a citizen is willing to file a complaint and testify in court. Most people are unwilling to do this. Tom Ouellette asked if the loud speakers at the race track would be affected by this ordinance. Kim Sullivan answered that the Race Track Ordinance covers the speakers at their events. A hand vote was taken and Article 21 PASSED.

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million Five Hundred Twenty Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$2,520,750) which represents the operating budget of the Town. Said sum does not include the special and individual warrant articles herein contained. (Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and by the Municipal Budget Committee.) Results: A motion was made by Tom Gauthier and seconded by Kim Sullivan to accept the article as read. Kim Sullivan spoke about the several funding articles we had already passed for the Fire Department. He made a motion to amend this article to reduce the amount of the Fire Department Budget by Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000). It was seconded by Roger Gauthier. Selectman Sullivan went on to say that the Fire Department is asking for \$70,000 more that they spent in

2000, and he feels their budget is being increased too quickly. Bob Dodge stated that according to the budget in the Town Report, their budget had already been reduced by \$20,000. Chief Murphy answered that the money for heat and electricity was moved to another line in the budget, so the operating budget had not been reduced. There was a hand vote on the amendment and the Amendment FAILED. Tom Gauthier then made a motion to amend the article to increase the amount of the Snow Removal budget by Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000). It was seconded by Kim Sullivan. Selectman Gauthier explained that we had budgeted \$74,000 for snow removal in 2001 and had already spent over \$79,000. Blaine Cox and highway foreman John Hubbard came up with an estimate of \$30,000 to carry us through the remainder of this winter as well as allow funds for November and December. A hand vote was taken on the amendment and the Amendment PASSED. Selectman Steve Johnson then made a motion to amend the article to increase the Recreation Commission budget by Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000). It was seconded by Kim Sullivan. Steven Johnson explained that the Recreation budget had been cut by \$16,000, and this would severely affect the programs they would be able to offer this year. Ron LaChance asked what programs would be affected. Louise Casson, director of the Recreation Department was allowed to speak and explained that without this increase, the hours of the

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summer program would be affected as well as programs during school vacations, and there would be no new special programs for citizens of all ages. Ron LaChance questioned why the fees for the summer program would not be enough for that program. Louise Casson replied that if we needed to increase the fees, many families would need to choose only some weeks that they could send their children rather than sending them for the whole program. A hand vote was taken on the amendment and the Amendment PASSED. Heather

Kyle asked what would be included in the default budget next year. Tom Carleton answered that through his experience on the School Board, he believed it would be this year's operating budget as well as the police contract and any other contractual agreements that the Town has. The article as amended with a total dollar amount of Two Million Five Hundred Sixty Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$2,560,750) was then voted. A hand vote was taken and Article 22 as amended PASSED.

ARTICLE 23: To see what action the Town will take in regards to the reports of its officers and agents. A motion was made by Tom Gauthier and seconded by Kim Sullivan to accept the article as read. A hand vote was taken and Article 23 PASSED.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
—Linda Foley, Town Clerk

Committee Reports

Board of Selectmen & Town Administrator

The year 2001 can best be summed up in one word – Progress! Beginning with the move into the new Safety Complex on January 8 and ending with the hiring of a new Town Administrator on December 17, this was a busy year

in which many projects started in the last two or three years and were completed or near completion as we end the year.

As mentioned above, the Police and Fire Departments moved in to the

new Safety Complex in January. This was followed closely by breaking ground on the Waste Water Treatment Facility project in February. This \$5m upgrade is on schedule to be completed late next summer.

Other facilities projects, large and small, included: West Epping fire station roof replacement; Town Hall bell tower repairs to the brick and wooden infills; Watson Academy kitchen cabinets, plumbing, electrical and flooring; Hoar Well #2 drilled & pump tested; “temporary” relocation of the Highway Department to the old Central Fire Station; relocation of EPTV from the first floor in Town Hall to the basement where the Police Department conference room used to be; and after being

Board of Selectmen: (front row) Dianne Gilbert, Steve Johnson, Susan McGeough, (back row) Tom Gauthier and Kim Sullivan.



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Blaine Cox, Town Administrator

closed for several months, repairs to the Mill Street bridge were made and it was reopened in late November. Planning has begun to expand the Prospect cemetery and several conservation property issues have been dealt with - Barnes & Shaughnessy donated land on Route 87, Dorothy & Les Hall donated an easement on Route 87/ Meadowbrook Drive, Town owned land on Birch Road has been proposed to be placed in conservation in connection with Route 125 commercial development and the Hoar Pond Conservation easement was finalized by the Board and is now being reviewed by NH Fish & Game.

We also purchased three new police cruisers, a new ambulance and a new 6-wheel dump truck. The digitized tax maps were finally ordered and are now being worked in to a computerized Graphical Information System by Charlie

Goodspeed's students at UNH. Again this year, several personnel changes occurred in 2001. Louise Casson resigned and was replaced by Sean Kotkowski as the Recreation Director in June. After many years with the Town, Pat Wood left the Police Department and was replaced by Julie Sullivan in August. The Treasurer, Kathy Brewer relocated to New York State and Joe Foley is currently serving as the Interim Treasurer. Bill Williamson served as the EPTV Coordinator for three years creating one of the most active government access channels in the state. Bill's replacement, Bill Channell, was appointed in December. The new face in the Town Clerk/ Tax Collector's office is Joyce Blanchard. She replaced Eve Quinn in October as the Deputy Clerk. Finally, Craig Kleman just arrived in the Town Administrator's office in December replacing Blaine Cox.

The voters at Town Meeting in March adopted the first 3-year collective bargaining agreement with the International Brotherhood of Police Officers (the first contract, last year, was for only one year), passed an ordinance allowing the assessment of school impact fees upon residential development, and voted to adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (Official Ballot instead of Town Meeting).

The Board mourned the passing of Pat Jackson and Jack Collins, both men played a memorable part in our history. A room at the new Safety Facility was dedicated to Eddie Lavoie who served Epping as



Jeri Ann Smith, Administrative Assistant for BOS

Chief of Police from 1948 to 1970.

Bob Dodge was recognized for his service when he resigned as State Representative from District 4. Zach Denoncour, Kevin Pond, Morgan Swegles and Bill Woithe were commended for carrying out Eagle Scout projects which benefited the Town. Girl Scout Troop 3016 and the High School Outing Club worked to clean up the town's roadsides. The Board also recognized Chief Dodge this year for over 20 years as the Chief of Police here in Epping!

The Board addressed again this year several seemingly perennial issues such as noise complaints, development on Class VI roads, destruction of mailboxes by town snowplows and the impact of race track operations on neighboring residents. We dealt with several new issues such as a fire at the recycling center, over expenditure of

Board of Selectmen & Town Administrator (cont).

the snow budget before town meeting had approved the budget, and proposed significant commercial development at the intersection of Routes 101 & 125. A household hazardous waste day was held for the first time in many years, the second annual Old Home Days was held in August and with the help of Madelyn Williamson the State of NH returned Volume I of Epping's town records from 1741.

As you can see, the staff and elected officials have kept very busy once

again this year. All of these individuals should know that they have contributed to a job well done. Our collective efforts are what make Epping such a great place! We look forward to another busy and successful year in 2002!

We would like to close by reminding everyone that it is important to take an active role in our local government. Make it a point to **attend the Deliberative Session on February 5, 2002, and vote on March 12, 2002.** You are also

encouraged to attend and/or watch on Epping TV the various Boards, Commissions and Committees that meeting throughout the year.

EPHING BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

Tom Gauthier, Chair
Kim Sullivan, Vice-Chair
Susan McGeough
Dianne Gilbert
Steve Johnson

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:
Blaine Cox

Budget Committee

The Budget Committee has met regularly with representatives from various Town Departments. The Town has seen a great deal of growth and change in the past year. This year will see an increase in the taxes of \$2.00. This is due to increases in services. This still enables us to have a strong overlay. We also have a problem with our roads needing repair and the Transfer Station being rebuilt after the fire.

On a positive note, our Water and Sewer expansion is up to date as well as the Safety Complex.

In regard to the school, the Search Committee has not reported their findings yet. With the defeat of the Co-Op the Town must repay the State funds used in the Elementary

School. The School did stay within its budget last year.

The Budget Committee would like to extend an invitation to the

Townpeople to attend Budget Meetings and become involved. Most meetings are held on the third Wednesday, 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall. Televised meetings will be on Channel 22. Check posted minutes for further dates and times of meetings.

CURRENT MEMBER OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE:

James P. McGeough, Chair
Robert Goodrich, Vice Chair
Brenda McCartney, Secretary
Kim Sullivan, Selectmen's Rep.
Scoot Booth, School Board Rep.
Liz Conrad
Glenn Frederick
Mike King
Terry Sheehan
John Sigmund
R. Dale Smith



Gladys Clark, Bookkeeper

Cemetery Trustees

People are still dying to leave of this world, thus our positions appear to be forever secure. We meet whenever we see one another, at unpredictable events or whenever necessary.

A small section of wall toppled over on the west side of Central Cemetery. Several of the large pine trees grew their roots enough to topple the wall. At another place in the same Cemetery, an ash tree is threatening to do the same. The

Committee studied the site for reconstruction ideas and went home to ponder a solution. We have managed to get the Central and the Blake Road Cemeteries mowed as needed. Fred Church has under-taken care of the Jones Cemetery on Knight's Hill for the past several years. Troop 111 Boy Scouts of America helped trim trees and remove brush at both the Central and Prospect Cemeteries.

We encouraged Jerry Langdon, who

is both Chairman of the Epping Conversation Commission and a trustee of Prospect Cemetery, to arrange for tree removal to make space for more plots. He commissioned Harvey Woodward and Ron Cote to do the job.

TRUSTEES:

Paul Ladd
Fred Semprini
Daniel W. Harvey

—D.W. Harvey

Code Enforcement/Building Inspector

This past year the building department has seen a decrease in the number of new housing starts. Developers have been making inquiries and picking up builders packets from this office so interest in building remains high but the demand has not developed as expected. Permits for additions, renovation, deck and porches, etc. are comparable to last year. We all have seen the results of a lagging

economy and the tragic events that have occurred. Once consumer confidence returns and with a number of available building lots

we will see an increase in permits for new homes.

—Charlie Smart, Code Enforcement Officer

PERMITS

| | PERMITS 2000 | PERMITS 2001 |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| New Houses | 92 | 13 |
| New Manufactured Homes | 5 | 3 |
| Replacement Manufactured Homes | 6 | 2 |
| Additions | 21 | 14 |
| Renovations | 6 | 15 |
| Decks/Porches | 15 | 23 |
| Garages/Barns | 19 | 14 |
| Sheds | 5 | 11 |
| Pools | 6 | 4 |
| Commercial | 7 | 3 |
| Miscellaneous | 3 | 3 |
| Demolition | 1 | 2 |
| Total Building Permits | 186 | 107 |
| Electrical Permits | 99 | 93 |
| Plumbing Permits | 65 | 59 |



Charlie Smart, Code Enforcement

Conservation Commission

Old Home Days Fairgrounds



The loss of open space and the fragmentation of large parcels are occurring faster in southeastern New Hampshire than in any other area of the US. Educating people as to the value of open space led the commission to hold a hearing on the value of "Open Space". The well attended hearing in February led by Phil Auger from the Rockingham County Extension Service was televised and showed many people in our town the positive economics of Current Use Taxation and Open Space. This helped lead to "The People" overwhelmingly defeating warrant articles at town meeting that would have eliminated conservation funding in our town.

Commission members selectively cut two cords of firewood off the "George Falls Town Forest" this year. One cord was auctioned off during Epping Old Home Days with proceeds benefiting Epping Crime Watch. The other cord was raffled off in October with proceeds going to our Easement Monitoring Fund.

Monitoring of easements began this year with the first monitoring of the 113 acre town easement on Dimond Hill Road. This property is expertly managed by its owner Marcel Bernier and enjoyed by

many hunters, hikers, snowmobilers and horsemen. The commission also monitored the George Falls Town Forest, The John B. Folsom Conservation Area and the Robert Low property.

A seventeen acre parcel on Birch Road that had been targeted for protection should have an easement on it in the near future. The protection of this parcel and the donation of another nearby parcel will be part of a mitigation plan proposed by WS Development and the commission over the last two years.

Old Home Days allowed people to learn more about protection of open space in their town and about other conservation work. Accurate mapping of these areas with information about each parcel should be completed and presented at next years Old Home Days.

Expansion of the Prospect Cemetery to fulfill the town's obligation to provide burial space is well underway. The front portion should provide space for the next ten to fifteen years while the back portion is being developed. The Commission, working with our town forester, will be clear cutting a small section of the back parcel and selectively cutting the section that abuts the Lamprey

River. We wish to thank Andy and Jeanne Lantz for allowing the town easy access to this back portion.

The annual Knights of Columbus fishing derby was held at the Fox Run youth only pond again this year. The attendance and the use of this area increases every year. If you are looking for a great place in town for kids to fish or an easy trail to hike for the family – this is the place.

The dedication of the Lamprey River Forest took place at the beginning of the 24th annual Lamprey River Canoe Race. People from all over the State came to the race for the dedication of this 1 1/2 mile riverfront property and to join in the fun. This years 25th anniversary race should be extra special – hope everyone can participate or come and watch.

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Gerald Langdon, Chairperson
Jeff Conrad
Steve Johnson
Scott Kenneson
Avis Rosenfeld
Neil Folsom
Scott Pim

ALTERNATES:

Nancy Chase
Special Projects
Bob Kimball
Isobel Parke

CANOE RACE:

Nancy Gero
Virginia LaPierre
Andy Vallone
Verna Folsom

EPTV Steering Committee

This has been a transitional year for EPTV. First, with the death of our dear friend and committee member Jack Collins, who served on the board from its beginning right up until his passing. His input and friendship will be sorely missed.

Secondly, with the resignation of Bill Williamson, EPTV Coordinator, this year has also been a learning year for the Steering Committee from learning how to operate the equipment to programming, editing tapes and maintaining the Community Bulletin Board.

EPTV has purchased new equipment such as ceiling microphones for the meeting room at Town Hall, to improve the sound quality and this coming year EPTV plans

to upgrade equipment to provide the best possible programming for the Community.

One of the newest programs this year is starting at the High School. It is an Audiovisual Program where students learn how to operate cameras and equipment to create programs, editing and broadcasting.

Another program is having more community events broadcast such as the Memorial Day Parade, a Pictorial History of Old Epping by the Historical Society, Civil War Roundtable and Special Conservation Commission Meetings.

The forth-coming year plans to be one of great energy and enthusiasm, which will translate into

better utilization of the EPTV facilities.

Our special thanks goes to all who have volunteered their time, effort and service helping EPTV to become a better informational and educational community resource.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Ron LaChance, Chairman
Ernie Quinn, Secretary
Mark Vallone, School Board Rep
Steve Johnson, Selectmen's Rep
Bill Williamson, Former Coordinator

MEMBERS:

Don Sisson
Tom Sutcliffe
Joe Denoncour
Jack Collins

Fire Department

Most of the reports that I have provided to the town in the past years have started out saying that "another year has passed" or "we have experienced another great year". This year has been nothing like the years in the past. There have been greater and more significant changes in the past year than in recent memory. Not least of the changes evolve from the events of September 11th. Those events have had a huge and profound effect on the Epping Fire Department and the Epping Fire Department Ambulance personnel. On September 11th the department

received a request from the New Hampshire State Fire Marshall's office for equipment and personnel to respond to the World Trade Center in New York. We had equipment and personnel on standby for several weeks before we were advised to "stand down". During that period, I think each and every member of our department reflected on those brave New York Emergency workers who, calming their own natural trepidation, made their way through the fleeing masses, knowing that this was likely to be their last alarm. Every Firefighter and every

Ambulance attendant knows they are exposing themselves to some risk. An event like this makes each of us realize the reality of the challenge. But we must continue on. Helping in the best manner available, the members of the department ran a "Boot Drive" on Route 125 between 3PM and 8PM on September 21st. In five hours, \$7,258.50 was raised for the victims in New York. Thanks to all of you who donated.

Since that time, the department has been involved in many small concerns and events revolving around

possible terrorist activities. In the final analysis there have no events in which we were involved that were terrorist in nature. However, there has been a flurry of requests for information from a number of agencies that suddenly recognized a need to know how well towns are prepared to handle terrorism and Mass casualty events. You can be assured that we are prepared and are further preparing to do whatever is necessary if, in the very unlikely event, something were to happen in our area.

On the more positive side, another huge change took place as we spent our first year in the new safety complex. It has changed the way we do virtually every thing we do. Life is much easier for every one involved and things are being accomplished more often and to a much higher standard that ever before. On behalf of the Fire Department, I'd like to thank the town one more time.

With the new station, we have been successful in getting the department

to grow. At the time of this writing there are 47 active members. That is the largest number in memory. This exists in spite of the fact that we now require the highest level of participation that has ever been required for members. If you look at the list, you will see a number of members who left the department during the last year. Those people have contributed greatly and have reached a point in their lives that doesn't allow them to be as involved as they once were. We all owe them a great debt of gratitude. Further in the list of changes, it is worth noting that the number of calls to which we responded is up again. This is not a surprising change because it has been the trend for many years. It is however a concern for us. The large volume of calls puts a great demand on our members. We are working diligently to keep the department staffed with call/volunteer people to offset the expense the town would incur if we added full time personnel. The Fire Wards, the officers, and the members are extremely concerned with cost and taxes. Emergency services are by their nature very expensive but to help offset some of that cost, through Ambulance billing the department has generated approximately \$100,000 in revenue for the town this year.

Looming in Epping's immediate future is some large commercial development. Fire chiefs in towns that have similar commercial locations have given us a view of what we can expect. It is my hope that

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2001 FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP

Chief/Christophet Murphy - FF/EMT
 Assistant Chief/Robert Downie - FF/EMT
 Deputy Chief/Matthew Cray - FF/EMT-P
 Captain Michael Jean - FF/EMT
 Captain Cliff Cray - FF
 Captain Hank Letourneau - FF/EMT-P
 Lieutenant Bruce Chapman - FF/EMT
 Lieutenant Kevin Zukas - FF/EMT-I
 Bennis, Dan - FF/EMT
 Bilodeau, David - FF
 Bodge, Cheryl - EMT-P
 Carter, Donna - EMT
 Cimmino, Steve - FF/FR
 Daigle, Todd
 DeSotto, John - FF/EMT
 Drapeau, Jamie - FR
 Felch, Peter - FF/EMT
 Frederick, Glenn
 Gagnon, Sabre - FF/EMT
 Hoelzel, Greg
 Holterman, Charlie - FF/EMT-I
 Jean, Leona - EMT
 Jensen, Amy
 Langley, Erin-EMT - P
 Laurent, Adam - EMT
 Lavoie, Jason - FF/FR
 LoCascio, Bob - FF/EMT
 LoCascio, Marc - EMT
 Louis, Karen - EMT
 Morin, Mike
 Musso, Audrey - EMT-P
 Nickerson, Marc
 Oakes, Dec
 Oakes, Don - FF
 Pevear, Dave - EMT

Pevear, Frank - FF/FR
 Rodier, Amy - FF/FR
 Tierney, Pat
 Toomire, Brian - FF/EMT
 Turgeon, Doug - FF/EMT
 Vanamurgh, Don - FF/EMT
 Wallace, Wanda
 Wells, Scott - EMT-P
 Whittaker, Lisa - EMT
 Wiesen, Darcy - EMT
 Wiesen, Kurt - EMT
 Woods, Terri - FR
 Arnell Steve - R
 Bertogli, Keith - R
 Brabant, Joe - R
 Denoncour, Jake - R
 Drapeau, Kristen - R
 King, Sharon R
 LeDuc, Jeff - R
 Liebfried, Terry - R
 Mouncey, Jay - R
 Potter, Jim - R
 Smith, Ed - R
 Fire Ward's
 Cantrall, Richard
 Smith, R. Dale
 Kings, Mike
 Selectmen's Rep. Gilbert, Dianne
 FF Firefighter
 FR First Responder (Medical)
 EMT Emergency Medical Technician
 EMT-I Emergency Medical Technician - Intermediate
 EMT-P Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic
 R Resigned from department

Fire Department (cont).

we can handle the growth with out adding to our full time staff. The more able we are to achieve that goal, the more tax relief the town will feel from commercial development. The success of this program revolves around the town's people and their willingness to volunteer some time to become trained and to spend a couple of days each month responding to calls. I have been doing this for more than a quarter of a century and I can tell you that the personal satisfaction that is received is worth the sacrifice. I ask you to consider volunteering in your town. If fire and ambulance are not on your list things that you would like to do, look elsewhere in town. You're never too young or too old to join and make a difference. Epping has a history rich with examples of ageless volunteers making a difference.

FIRE CALLS FROM NOV. 2000 TO OCT 2001

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| Service Calls | 72 |
| Motor Vehicle Accidents | 50 |
| Alarm Activations | 31 |
| Mutual Aid | 33 |
| Brush Fires | 17 |
| Vehicle Fires | 16 |
| Structure Fires | 14 |
| Chimney Fires | 3 |
| Fire Calls | 236 |
| Ambulance Calls | 637 |
| Total Calls | 873 |

The final change I would like to mention is that the department has started an "Explorer Post". These are young women and men between the

ages of 14 and 18 who are training to be members in the future. Please encourage them if you should see them. It's brightens the towns future considerably to have these people starting early to provide safety and security down the road.

In closing I'd like to make the same request I have made in years past. Please put large clear house numbers where they can be seen from the road. A number of people have done this and it makes a huge difference in the amount of time Ambulance, Fire, and Police personnel can save responding to an emergency. Do it for yourself and for your neighbors.

Thanks for all your help and support through the year.

*Chief Christopher P. Murphy,
Epping Fire Department*

General Assistance/Welfare

Another year has passed and in last year's Annual Report I shared with you the many resources that are available to our Epping residents who are unable to provide for themselves and their families. The Food Pantry is available year-round to serve those in need. To visit the food pantry, please call my office or come in to see me so I can reach the appropriate person to help you. Raymond Community Action Program continues to be a significant resource in meeting the needs of our low-income residents.



*Phyllis McDonough, Planning and Zoning Secretary/
Welfare Administrator*

The State welfare reform programs place urgency in times of crisis on cities and towns to provide services. The Statute RSA: 165 implies that, "If a person is poor and unable to maintain himself or herself" the Town has no other choice but to assist.

I continue to receive a multitude of brochures. Among the many brochures received are from Rockingham Community Action with information about the Fuel Assistance Program, and the CSFP

(Commodity Supplemental Food Program) for seniors. PSNH came in to drop of brochures explaining how one can save on their electric bill. I also have many brochures for Legal Advice & Referral Centers. The Compass Program is still going strong. This is a program to help

the unemployed or underemployed develop skills that will lead to self-sufficiency and offer job-training services. Information on the program along with many other brochures is available in my office.

If you feel that you or your family

needs assistance or information how to receive assistance, please do not hesitate to call my office at 679-1202, ext. 16. My office hours for appointments is Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

*Phyllis E. McDonough,
Welfare Administrator*

Highway Department

It has been a busy and productive year for the Highway Department. We completed drainage projects on Mast, Dearborn, and Fremont Roads along with repair work at the New Safety Complex. Paving/Ditching projects were completed on Fremont, Jenness, Blake, Prescott, Railroad, and Acre Streets. Grading and paving was also completed at the Transfer Station and Safety Complex.

After surviving the winter of 2001, we moved our maintenance operations to our new location at the Central Fire Station. We demolished and removed the fire-damaged section of the Recycling Center. We have produced over 2000 tons of winter sand to be stored at the Transfer Station on Old Hedding Road.

We have continued to complete our dump, landscape, town building, and catch basin maintenance responsibilities. Our department applied for and received grant funds for installation of our new waste oil storage facility and the Household

John Victoria, Roy Paige, John Hubbard and Chris Trefethen at the Mill Street Bridge.



Hazardous Waste Collection Day recently completed on 11/17/01. We installed approximately 100 new signs in town.

Our department has purchased a new Ford 650 dump truck with a combination sanding/dump body to be put into service for the upcoming 2002 Winter season. We have completed a repair project on the Mill Street Bridge and plan to

reopen the road once paving is complete in early December.

The highway department looks forward to a productive year in 2002.

DEPARTMENT MEMBERS:

John Hubbard, Foreman
John Victoria, Heavy Equipment Operator
Roy Paige, Heavy Equipment Operator

Harvey-Mitchell Memorial Library

The Harvey-Mitchell Memorial Library had excellent circulation and attendance statistics for the year. Attendance figures for the Summer Reading Program and computer usage saw the biggest increases.

The Summer Reading Program was another huge success this year thanks to the combined efforts of the library and Epping Elementary School librarian Barb Young. This year's enrollment topped two hundred and many reading incentives were handed out to the eager participants. There were two children's concerts this year at the Elementary School and both were very well attended.

Afternoons are usually our busiest time with students using the library for study and research. Our computers are holding up well with almost constant usage from noon to five everyday.

Groups such as Rockingham County Adult Education and the Gift of Reading also use the library during daylight hours. The Lydia Room continues to see heavy use in the Spring and Fall. The Civil War Roundtable of New Hampshire, Conservation Commission, Melling Glen Condo Association and the Rockingham Riding Club are only a few of the groups which currently use the room for meetings.

Please stop by and see us at 151 Main Street or send us your questions and comments at eppinglibrary@mediaone.net or sign our on-line guest book at



Library kids at Halloween.

www.exw.com/hmml. Our preschool story hour under Mary Ellen Colford is held on Tuesdays and Fridays at 10:15a.m. The library offers free passes to library card holders for The Portsmouth Children's Museum, The Christa McAuliffe Planetarium, The Boston Museum of Science and Strawberry Banke.

We again thank the generosity of the people of Epping for their donations of books and money. Every little bit helps and we are very grateful. The Town Report would not be complete without the

acknowledgement of all the hard work by our staff, trustees and Friends group. Together, we all make a difference in the type of continuous service we provide to the community and I thank you all.

Our programs and services are free to all the people of Epping. Not only do we have the latest releases in fiction and non-fiction books but we have a constantly growing collection of audios, video tapes and DVDs. It's all here and all waiting to be discovered.

Historic District Commission

The present downtown District boundaries are now marked by signage in place since last summer. Designed by Debbie McConnell, the orange lettering symbolizes the

unique Epping clay from which millions of bricks were produced in this town since the 1840's. The three stars represent each of the three New Hampshire Governors from

Epping and the oak leaves honor our town's historic woodland setting as well as Red Oak Hill, home of the Harvey family since 1755.

The beautiful cupola atop Epping's new Safety Complex is now installed and fully lit, a welcoming beacon to everyone as well as a fine and appropriate addition to the building.

Continued work with the Fleet Bank has resulted in the new carved exterior sign and more recently with the full glass public entry doors.

Normally meeting at the Epping Historical Society Building the first Wednesday of each month, this Commission is dedicated to the goal of maintaining this town's historic setting both within and out-

side of the present Historic District. Your participation, questions and ideas would be most welcome by any member of this Commission.

MEMBERS:

Debbie McConnell
Susan McGeough
Devon Rains
Jason Sanderson
Madelyn Williamson, Chair

Historical Society

The Epping Historical Society is currently celebrating its 30th anniversary, and the Board of Directors felt that this would be a wonderful time to make interested parties aware of the activities the Society has to offer, and has been offering.

This past October, Society Curator Madelyn Williamson hosted nearly 120 fourth grade students from Epping Elementary school for a series of lectures on Epping's past, its people, and how it has grown and changed from what the earlier settlers had established. The Society has also been approached by the Elementary School to help develop another curriculum for the spring!

which acts within the auspices of the EHS has been likewise busy. Mr. 'Zach' Denoncour has been working furiously towards his Eagle Scout Badge by cleaning and preserving several of the Epping Cemeteries. He and his team have

been so good that they have uncovered two graves previously unknown in Central Cemetery!

The Epping Olde Home Days Committee, also under the auspices of the EHS, successfully managed to celebrate another year, bigger and better than the one previous. To help insure the next year's success, they have been conducting fundraisers and have been soliciting support.

Society Hours are Mon. 6 - 9pm
and Wednesday 10am - 2p

Despite all that we have done; we can't keep doing it without you. Become a member today!

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Anne Reardon, Pres.
Joe Denoncour, MBOD
Dan Bennis, Vice Pres.
Fran Allen, MBOD
Joy True, Treasure'
Jason Sanderson, Secretary



S. Beaches Teepee at Olde Home Day.

For grown-ups, the EHS has resumed its round of evening programs featuring local speakers. Our first was Richard Sanborn's "Olde Epping: People, Places and Events."

The Cemetery Preservation Society,

Olde Home Day Committee

Olde Home Day 2001 turned out to be the event of the year and judged successful by all. The festivities began early Saturday morning with breakfast at the Major General John Sullivan Lodge #2, followed by the Jack Sharkey Road Race. This year the race was expanded to include a one-mile race and tyke trot for our younger participants. Ribbons were given out this year to all participants with trophies for the top finishers.

The First Annual Olde Home Day Bed Race was held on Cate Street with prizes, fitting the theme of the race, for both winners and losers.

The Grange opened their meeting-house to the public for the day presenting an Epping Historical Slide Show in the afternoon. Just up the street, the Epping Library drew many to their annual "Buck-a-Bag-of-Books" sale.

The opening ceremony kicked off the events at the Elementary School Field, transformed into the Olde Home Day Fair Grounds for the two day event with balloons for all, banners, booths, music and entertainment. Rep. John Sununu, as well as Selectman Tom Gauthier, gave the opening speeches and Madelyn Williamson of the Historical Society presented the Volume One of Epping Town History to the Town. The book was displayed for the day at Watson Academy where the Epping Senior Group held their annual yard sale. The weavings that depict various scenes of Epping and its History, done by the Epping Elementary

Some of the Olde Home Day committee members.



School students, were also on display at Watson Academy.

Saturday was filled with over five hours of live entertainment featuring storytellers, music, and drama performed by many of our local talent including Betty Bilodeau, Fred Church, Epping Baptist Church, Upstairs/Downstairs Theater Group, Stargazers Anonymous, Jim Carr and the Foggy Dew. The focal point of the fair grounds was an authentic American Indian teepee and Sonny Beauchesne in American Indian attire. The Abenaki Drummers did a drumming and vocal presentation with Sonny performing a traditional American Indian Dance to the drumming. All were invited into the teepee to learn of the different aspects of teepee living by our ancestors. The fair grounds were filled with booths and other events including a demonstration by the Epping Police K-9 Officer Raymond Fluet and his dog

Twister, as well as pony rides. The day would not have been complete without the dunking booth run by the Community Church and Boy Scouts, giving all the chance to dunk a town official or other local dignitary. The booths featured local Epping businesses and groups offering food, drinks and information as well as some of the services provided to our Epping residents. The Exeter Hospital provided free bicycle helmets to children and the Kid Care Van offered fingerprinting for the children. Our local Grange had a very popular dessert table. Popular booths for our children were the Girl Scouts providing games, as well as the Artist in Residence program with face painting. The Crime Watch Committee held a fund-raising auction later in the day and the Community Church hosted a chicken barbecue on the fair grounds with entertainment provided during the supper by more of Epping's talented citizens.

Later in the evening, a wrestling match, attended by a large crowd, featured our own Jason Sanderson as one of the participants, was held at the Epping Elementary School.

The evening concluded with a family dance, music provided by D.J. Chris McConnell.

Although Sunday began with showers, the spirit of the fair was not dampened. The day began with services at the Community Church followed by Classic Car

competition at the SAU Field and the multi-purpose room at the elementary school was changed into the fair grounds featuring more entertainment including drama and music, as well as the booths, food and games for the children. A kite flying competition was held at the field and the Safety Complex was open for the public to tour our newest building in town.

The closing event of the two-day celebration was the Pot Luck Supper held at the Elementary

School with a large turnout of town folks. It was officially concluded that this year's event was a success because of our Epping residents and their community spirit.

The success of this celebration should be credited not only to the committee members who met faithfully since April, but also to the large number of volunteers giving their energy and time for the two-day celebration. Special recognition goes to our local American Legion who donated flags to line the street and installed them, the Police Union who helped set up staging, the individuals who helped with the 5K race, the Explorers and Police Department for directing traffic, the Fire Department for delivering water, all the volunteers who helped sell raffle tickets to support next year's celebration and to all who helped with the clean up after the event was over.

Olde Home Day fairgrounds at the Elementary School.



Planning Board

In 2001 Robert Graham remained Chairman and Paul Spidle Vice Chairman. Ron Nowe Treasurer, and Cory McPhee Secretary. Steve Illsley, Dale Smith and Robert Wynot serve as Alternates, although in November 2001 Rob Wynot's three-year term ended. The Board thanked and wished him well. Susan McGeough was appointed to serve as the Selectmen's Representa-

tive, with Kim Sullivan serving as the Selectmen's alternate. Code Enforcement Officer, Charlie Smart, and Circuit Rider/Planner, Mike Garrepy. The entire Board as always wishes to thank the citizens of Epping for their continued support and interest shown throughout the year.

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OLDE HOME DAY 2001 PLANNING COMMITTEE:

Fran Allen, Sonny Beauchesne, Carol Ann Bonenfant, Mary Ellen Colford, Irene Cote, Nancy DeSotto, Helen Gauthier, Brenda Gallagher, Dennis George, Louise Harvey, Hannah Howard, Donna Jackson, Steve Johnson, Sean Kotkowski, Bonnie Lampman, Brenda Lavigne, Deb McConnell, Chris McConnell, Susan McGeough, Dan Murphy, Kevin Murphy, Robin O'Day, Yvonne Roberts, Ralph Roberts, Jason Sanderson, Colleen Schmidt, Paul Spidle, Joy True, and Madelyn Williamson

Planning Board (cont).

The members as always remain busy throughout the year attending workshops, reviewing applications, and doing site walks with prospective applicants. There were (10) Ten Subdivisions approved, with a combined total of 51 Lots; (5) Five Site Plans approved; (1) One Lot Line Adjustment approved. The Board worked diligently on the Epping Crossing Project Route 125/101 site. The Board also amended and updated Site Plan and Subdivision Regulations. The Board adopted the Capital Improvements Program this year, and, as always, updating the Zoning ordinance continues for your consideration. They are intended to improve consistency and ease of understanding, add new permitted uses to some zones, and conform to

the ever-changing RSA's.

In March the Board will propose amendments to the zoning ordinances to clarify content, to avoid confusion, and for ease of interpretation. The Board urges a "Yes" vote on all of these warrant articles. This helps the Board to set and attain goals of how best to serve the genuine needs of Epping, now and in the future. Also, on July 19, 2001, the Board in favor by a majority of votes on the Impact Fees to accept the proposal on the rate structure for fees, which enables the Town to set charges for developers. The Board would like to remind the public that the Planning Board meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month and all meetings are televised on EPTV. The

Board also invites the public to attend the meetings.

"YOUR PLANNING BOARD"

OFFICERS:

Robert Graham, III
Paul Spidle
Ronald Nowe
Cory McPhee
Susan McGeough, Selectmen's Representative
Charles Smart, Code Enforcement Officer
Mike Garrepy, Circuit/Rider Planner
Phyllis McDonough, Planning Board Assistant

ALTERNATES:

Steve Illsley
Dale Smith
Robert Wynot

Police Department

I write this report on the Monday after a tragic Thanksgiving holiday. On Thanksgiving Day a man from Exeter, NH was killed after his vehicle struck a bridge abutment and burst into flames. On the following day a 42-year-old female from Deerfield, NH was east on Rt. 101 when she lost control of her vehicle and rolled several times ejecting her from the car. Although both accidents are still under investigation, Route 101 has been the scene of several fatal accidents before and even after the road improvements. Speed is still a fac-



Sergeant Michael Wallace and
Administrative Assistant Julie Sullivan.

tor in most of these crashes. In all, your police department investigated 19% more accidents than the same period in 2000. Please drive with courtesy and above all keep it safe.

Since September 11, 2001 I have wondered if the events of that day would change the way we do things in law enforcement. It hasn't changed much in the way of call volume although we have sent "suspicious" items to the Public Health Lab in Concord and taken reports of "suspicious persons". For 6-8 weeks after September 11th, we



Warrants & Budgets

FOR THE YEAR 2002

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
(603)271-3397



BUDGET OF THE TOWN/CITY

OF: EPPING

BUDGET FORM FOR TOWNS WHICH HAVE ADOPTED THE PROVISIONS OF RSA 32:14 THROUGH 32:24

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 2002 to December 31, 2002

or Fiscal Year From _____ to _____

IMPORTANT:

Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

1. Use this form to list the entire budget in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. This means the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles must be posted.
2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the above address.

We Certify This Form Was Posted on (Date): 1-12-02

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Please sign in ink

D. McF
Brenda J. McFarlane
Leanne J. McFarlane
Scott Roth
Robert V. Roth

Chas. Cousens
Thomas J. Cousens
[Signature]

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT

| Acct. # | PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3, V) | WARR. ART. # Approved by DRA | Appropriations | | Actual Expenditures Prior Year | SELECTOR'S APPROPRIATIONS | | BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS | |
|---------|--|---------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| | | | Prior Year As | Approved by DRA | | ENSURING FISCAL YEAR RECOMMENDED | NOT RECOMMENDED | ENSURING FISCAL YEAR RECOMMENDED | NOT RECOMMENDED |

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

| | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|--|---------|--|---------|---------|--|---------|--|
| 4130-4139 | Executive | | 166,442 | | 169,448 | 175,701 | | 175,701 | |
| 4140-4149 | Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics | | 43,854 | | 43,153 | 58,394 | | 58,394 | |
| 4150-4151 | Financial Administration | | 105,961 | | 86,667 | 109,943 | | 109,943 | |
| 4152 | Revaluation of Property | | 15,000 | | 16,186 | 15,800 | | 15,800 | |
| 4153 | Legal Expense | | 25,500 | | 29,890 | 30,500 | | 30,500 | |
| 4155-4159 | Personnel Administration | | 0 | | 0 | 0 | | 0 | |
| 4191-4193 | Planning & Zoning | | 59,563 | | 58,303 | 61,162 | | 61,162 | |
| 4194 | General Government Buildings | | 74,922 | | 81,328 | 91,145 | | 91,145 | |
| 4195 | Comptroller | | 1,400 | | 608 | 1,400 | | 1,400 | |
| 4196 | Insurance | | 34,457 | | 34,589 | 43,100 | | 43,100 | |
| 4197 | Advertising & Regional Assoc. | | 0 | | 0 | 0 | | 0 | |
| 4199 | Other General Government | | 14,351 | | 14,418 | 16,256 | | 16,256 | |

PUBLIC SAFETY

| | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|----------------------------------|--|---------|--|---------|---------|--|---------|--|
| 4210-4214 | Police | | 508,317 | | 518,805 | 683,657 | | 683,657 | |
| 4215-4219 | Substance Abuse | | 214,837 | | 173,903 | 214,476 | | 214,476 | |
| 4220-4229 | Fire | | 104,023 | | 105,728 | 114,287 | | 114,287 | |
| 4240-4249 | Building Inspection | | 42,740 | | 40,394 | 43,542 | | 43,542 | |
| 4290-4298 | Emergency Management | | 0 | | 0 | 0 | | 0 | |
| 4299 | Other (Including Communications) | | 0 | | 0 | 0 | | 0 | |

AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER

| | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|--------------------|--|---|--|---|---|--|---|--|
| 4301-4309 | Airport Operations | | 0 | | 0 | 0 | | 0 | |
|-----------|--------------------|--|---|--|---|---|--|---|--|

HIGHWAYS & STREETS

| | | | | | | | | | |
|------|--------------------|--|---------|--|---------|---------|--|---------|--|
| 4311 | Administration | | 0 | | 0 | 0 | | 0 | |
| 4312 | Highways & Streets | | 412,887 | | 419,848 | 427,761 | | 427,761 | |
| 4313 | Bridges | | | | | | | | |

| Acct. # | PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V) | | Appropriations | | Actual | | SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS | | BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATION | |
|---------|---|--|------------------------|--|--------------|--|----------------------------|--|----------------------------------|--|
| | | | WARR. Prior Year As | | Expenditures | | ENSURING FISCAL YEAR | | ENSURING FISCAL YEAR | |
| | | | ART. # Approved by DBA | | Prior Year | | RECOMMENDED | | NOT RECOMMENDED | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |

HIGHWAYS & STREETS cont.

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|------|-----------------|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--|--------|--|--|
| 4316 | Street Lighting | | 15,000 | 12,119 | 15,000 | 15,000 | | 15,000 | | |
| 4319 | Other | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | | |

SANITATION

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|--|---------|--|--|
| 4321 | Administration | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | | |
| 4323 | Solid Waste Collection | | 60,975 | 60,221 | 104,350 | 104,350 | | 104,350 | | |
| 4324 | Solid Waste Disposal | | 124,775 | 138,583 | 132,061 | 132,061 | | 132,061 | | |
| 4325 | Solid Waste Clean-up | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | | |
| 4326-4329 | Sewerage Coll. & Disposal & Other | | 124,099 | 108,878 | 255,521 | 255,521 | | 255,521 | | |

WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--|--------|--|--|
| 4331 | Administration | | 7,544 | 7,771 | 8,950 | 8,950 | | 8,950 | | |
| 4332 | Water Services | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | | |
| 4335-4339 | Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other | | 54,233 | 47,643 | 63,518 | 63,518 | | 63,518 | | |

ELECTRIC

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|--------------------------------|--|---|---|---|---|--|---|--|--|
| 4351-4352 | Admin. and Generation | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | | |
| 4353 | Purchase Costs | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | | |
| 4354 | Electric Equipment Maintenance | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | | |
| 4359 | Other Electric Costs | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | | |

HEALTH/WELFARE

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|-------------------------------------|--|--------|-------|--------|--------|--|--------|--|--|
| 4411 | Administration | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | | |
| 4414 | Pest Control | | 2,860 | 1,610 | 2,860 | 2,860 | | 2,860 | | |
| 4415-4419 | Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | | |
| 4441-4442 | Administration & Direct Assist. | | 10,000 | 5,247 | 10,000 | 10,000 | | 10,000 | | |
| 4444 | Total governmental Welfare Payments | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | | |
| 4445-4449 | Vendor Payments & Other | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | | |

| Acct. # | PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V) | | Appropriations | | Actual | | SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS | | BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATION | |
|---------|---|-----------------|----------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| | WARR. Prior Year As | | Prior Year As | | Expending | | ENSURING FISCAL YEAR | | ENSURING FISCAL YEAR | |
| | ART. # | Approved by DRA | Prior Year | RECOMMENDED | NOT RECOMMENDED | RECOMMENDED | NOT RECOMMENDED | RECOMMENDED | NOT RECOMMENDED | NOT RECOMMENDED |

CULTURE & RECREATION

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|----------------------------|---------|--------|---------|--|---------|--|---------|--|------------|
| 4520-4529 | Parks & Recreation | 120,330 | 79,294 | 135,694 | | 135,694 | | 135,694 | | XXXXXXXXXX |
| 4550-4559 | Library | 68,700 | 68,700 | 72,200 | | 72,200 | | 72,200 | | XXXXXXXXXX |
| 4583 | Patriotic Purposes | 1,100 | 1,187 | 1,100 | | 1,100 | | 1,100 | | XXXXXXXXXX |
| 4589 | Other Culture & Recreation | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | XXXXXXXXXX |

CONSERVATION

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--|--------|--|--------|--|------------|
| 4611-4612 | Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources | 1,000 | 0 | 1,000 | | 1,000 | | 1,000 | | XXXXXXXXXX |
| 4619 | Other Conservation | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | XXXXXXXXXX |
| 4631-4632 | REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | XXXXXXXXXX |
| 4651-4659 | ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT | 12,500 | 21,230 | 12,500 | | 12,500 | | 12,500 | | XXXXXXXXXX |

DBHT SERVICE

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|----------------------------------|---------|---------|--------|--|--------|--|--------|--|------------|
| 4711 | Prino.- Long Term Bonds & Notes | 105,000 | 109,000 | 70,000 | | 70,000 | | 70,000 | | XXXXXXXXXX |
| 4721 | Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes | 69,929 | 69,107 | 68,284 | | 68,284 | | 68,284 | | XXXXXXXXXX |
| 4725 | Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | XXXXXXXXXX |
| 4790-4799 | Other Debt Service | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | XXXXXXXXXX |

CAPITAL OUTLAY

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|------|---------------------------------|---|--------|---|--|---|--|---|--|------------|
| 4901 | Land | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | XXXXXXXXXX |
| 4902 | Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment | 0 | 22,276 | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | XXXXXXXXXX |
| 4903 | Buildings | 0 | 52,531 | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | XXXXXXXXXX |
| 4909 | Improvements Other Than Bldgs. | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | XXXXXXXXXX |

OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|------|--------------------------|---|---|---|--|---|--|---|--|------------|
| 4912 | To Special Revenue Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | XXXXXXXXXX |
| 4913 | To Capital Projects Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | XXXXXXXXXX |
| 4914 | To Enterprise Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | XXXXXXXXXX |
| | Saver- | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | XXXXXXXXXX |
| | Water- | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | XXXXXXXXXX |

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year.

| year | | | | |
|------|--|--|--|--|
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"SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES"

Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3.VI, as appropriations 1) in petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) appropriations to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trusts funds; or 4) an appropriation designated on the warrant as a special article or as a nonlapsing or nontransferable article.

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
|-------|---|----------------|--|--------------------------------------|--|-------------------|--|-------------------|
| Acct. | PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V) | WARR. ART.# | Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA | Actual Expenditures Prior Year | SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR RECOMMENDED | NOT RECOMMENDED | BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATION ENSUING FISCAL YEAR RECOMMENDED | NOT RECOMMENDED |
| | Highway-Road Bond | | | | 300,000 | | 300,000 | |
| | Landfill Closure | | | | 20,000 | | 20,000 | |
| | Epping Youth Assoc. | | | | 3,000 | | 3,000 | |
| | Olde Home Days | | | | 8,000 | | 8,000 | |
| | Watson Academy | | | | 7,000 | | 0 | 7,000 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | SUBTOTAL 2 RECOMMENDED | | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX | 338,000 | XXXXXXXXXX | 331,000 | XXXXXXXXXX |

"INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES"

Individual* warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles". An example of an individual warrant article might be negotiated cost items for labor agreements or items of a one time nature you wish to address individually.

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
|-------|---|----------------|--|--------------------------------------|--|-------------------|--|-------------------|
| Acct. | PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V) | WARR. ART.# | Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA | Actual Expenditures Prior Year | SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR RECOMMENDED | NOT RECOMMENDED | BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATION ENSUING FISCAL YEAR RECOMMENDED | NOT RECOMMENDED |
| | Highway Vehicle | | | | 39,000 | | 39,000 | |
| | Highway Veh. Reserve | | | | 15,000 | | 15,000 | |
| | Tire Removal | | | | 35,000 | | 35,000 | |
| | Town Hall Steeple | | | | 20,000 | | 20,000 | |
| | Utility Truck Lease | | | | 12,200 | | 12,200 | |
| | Police Computers | | | | 8,800 | | 8,800 | |
| | SUBTOTAL 3 RECOMMENDED | | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX | | XXXXXXXXXX | | XXXXXXXXXX |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|---|---|----------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Acct.# | SOURCE OF REVENUE | WARR. ART.# | Estimated Revenues Prior Year | Actual Revenues Prior Year | ESTIMATED REVENUES ENSUING YEAR |
| TAXES | | | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX |
| 3120 | Land Use Change Taxes | | 33,000 | 21,418 | 21,000 |
| 3180 | Resident Taxes | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3185 | Timber Taxes | | 5,000 | 6,304 | 3,000 |
| 3186 | Payment in Lieu of Taxes | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3189 | Other Taxes | | 5,000 | 0 | 1,000 |
| 3190 | Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes | | 87,000 | 10,458 | 75,000 |
| | Inventory Penalties | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3187 | Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd) | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3188 | Excavation Activity Tax | | 5,000 | 6,206 | 6,000 |
| LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES | | | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX |
| 3210 | Business Licenses & Permits | | 1,300 | 1,515 | 1,400 |
| 3220 | Motor Vehicle Permit Fees | | 800,000 | 816,318 | 720,000 |
| 3230 | Building Permits | | 50,000 | 28,464 | 25,000 |
| 3290 | Other Licenses, Permits & Fees | | 22,560 | 7,747 | 32,000 |
| 3311-3319 | FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT | | 21,933 | 25,946 | 0 |
| FROM STATE | | | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX |
| 3351 | Shared Revenues | | 0 | 67,128 | 33,564 |
| 3352 | Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution | | 163,816 | 142,696 | 140,000 |
| 3353 | Highway Block Grant | | 110,599 | 119,208 | 119,000 |
| 3354 | Water Pollution Grant | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3355 | Housing & Community Development | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3356 | State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3357 | Flood Control Reimbursement | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3359 | Other (Including Railroad Tax) | | 33,564 | 23,517 | 23,517 |
| 3379 | FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CHARGES FOR SERVICES | | | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX |
| 3401-3406 | Income from Departments | | 104,990 | 107,674 | 149,044 |
| 3409 | Other Charges | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES | | | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX |
| 3501 | Sale of Municipal Property | | 0 | 47,020 | 0 |
| 3502 | Interest on Investments | | 75,000 | 49,584 | 45,000 |
| 3503-3509 | Other | | 89,018 | 121,383 | 64,500 |
| INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN | | | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX |
| 3912 | From Special Revenue Funds | | 120,000 | 127,708 | 100,000 |
| 3913 | From Capital Projects Funds | | 0 | 2,856,394 | 0 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|---|---|----------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Acct.# | SOURCE OF REVENUE | WARR. ART.# | Estimated Revenues Prior Year | Actual Revenues Prior Year | ESTIMATED REVENUES ENSUING YEAR |
| TAXES | | | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX |
| 3120 | Land Use Change Taxes | | 33,000 | 21,418 | 21,000 |
| 3180 | Resident Taxes | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3185 | Timber Taxes | | 5,000 | 6,304 | 3,000 |
| 3186 | Payment in Lieu of Taxes | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3189 | Other Taxes | | 5,000 | 0 | 1,000 |
| 3190 | Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes | | 87,000 | 10,458 | 75,000 |
| | Inventory Penalties | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3187 | Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd) | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3188 | Excavation Activity Tax | | 5,000 | 6,206 | 6,000 |
| LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES | | | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX |
| 3210 | Business Licenses & Permits | | 1,300 | 1,515 | 1,400 |
| 3220 | Motor Vehicle Permit Fees | | 800,000 | 816,318 | 720,000 |
| 3230 | Building Permits | | 50,000 | 28,464 | 25,000 |
| 3290 | Other Licenses, Permits & Fees | | 22,560 | 7,747 | 32,000 |
| 3311-3319 | FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT | | 21,933 | 25,946 | 0 |
| FROM STATE | | | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX |
| 3351 | Shared Revenues | | 0 | 67,128 | 33,564 |
| 3352 | Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution | | 163,816 | 142,696 | 140,000 |
| 3353 | Highway Block Grant | | 110,599 | 119,208 | 119,000 |
| 3354 | Water Pollution Grant | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3355 | Housing & Community Development | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3356 | State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3357 | Flood Control Reimbursement | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3359 | Other (Including Railroad Tax) | | 33,564 | 23,517 | 23,517 |
| 3379 | FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CHARGES FOR SERVICES | | | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX |
| 3401-3406 | Income from Departments | | 104,990 | 107,674 | 149,044 |
| 3409 | Other Charges | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES | | | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX |
| 3501 | Sale of Municipal Property | | 0 | 47,020 | 0 |
| 3502 | Interest on Investments | | 75,000 | 49,584 | 45,000 |
| 3503-3509 | Other | | 89,018 | 121,383 | 64,500 |
| INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN | | | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX |
| 3912 | From Special Revenue Funds | | 120,000 | 127,708 | 100,000 |
| 3913 | From Capital Projects Funds | | 0 | 2,856,394 | 0 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|---|--|-------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Acct.# | SOURCE OF REVENUE | WARR. ART.# | Estimated Revenues Prior Year | Actual Revenues Prior Year | ESTIMATED REVENUES ENSUING YEAR |
| INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN cont. | | | | | |
| | | | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX |
| 3914 | From Enterprise Funds | | 454,984 | 454,984 | 0 |
| | Sewer - (Offset) | | 435,284 | 138,300 | 255,521 |
| | Water - (Offset) | | 233,700 | 75,700 | 72,468 |
| | Electric - (Offset) | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Airport - (Offset) | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3915 | From Capital Reserve Funds | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3916 | From Trust & Agency Funds | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| OTHER FINANCING SOURCES | | | | | |
| | | | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX |
| 3934 | Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Amts VOTED From F/B ("Surplus") | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS | | | 2,851,748 | 5,255,672 | 1,887,014 |

"BUDGET SUMMARY"

| | SELECTMEN'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET | BUDGET COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET |
|---|-----------------------------------|--|
| SUBTOTAL 1 Appropriations Recommended (from page 5) | 3,040,162 | 3,040,162 |
| SUBTOTAL 2 Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 6) | 338,000 | 331,000 |
| SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 6) | 233,347 | 234,347 |
| TOTAL Appropriations Recommended | 3,611,509 | 3,605,509 |
| Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above, column 6) | 1,887,014 | 1,887,014 |
| Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised | 1,724,495 | 1,718,495 |

Maximum Allowable Increase to Budget Committee's Recommended Budget per RSA 32:18: _____
(See Supplemental Schedule With 10% Calculation)

WARRANT

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

TOWN OF EPPING

To the inhabitants of the Town of Epping, in the County of Rockingham, qualified to vote in Town affairs: You are hereby notified to meet at Middle/High School Gymnasium located on Prescott Road on Tuesday, February 5, 2002 at 7:00 P.M. for a Deliberative Session and at the Town Hall meeting room at 157 Main Street in said Epping on Tuesday, March 12, 2002 at 8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. to act upon the following:

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| TO BE TAKEN UP TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2002: |
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ARTICLE 1: To select persons to fill the following elected positions: one for Selectman for a three year term; three Budget Committee positions for three year terms each; one for Planning Board for a three year term; one for Zoning Board of Adjustment for a three year term; one for Cemetery Trustee for a three year term; one for Fire Ward for a three year term; one for Library Trustee for a three year term; one for Trustee of Trust Funds for a three year term; one for Water & Sewer Commissioner for a three year term; one for Treasurer for a one year term; one for Supervisor of the Checklist for a six year term; and one for Moderator for a two year term.

ARTICLE 2: Are you in favor of the adoption of Warrant Article 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Epping Zoning Ordinance as follows: To amend the Epping Zoning Ordinance Article 20 by replacing the article in its entirety with a new ordinance entitled "Personal Wireless Service Facilities Ordinance". This ordinance will authorize the Planning Board to regulate the use of these facilities relative to location, height, aesthetic and architectural design, visual buffering and other requirements. This change will potentially affect anyone who owns or wishes to buy, develop or use land in the Town of Epping. (Majority vote required. Recommended by the Planning Board).

ARTICLE 3: Are you in favor of the adoption of Warrant Article 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Epping Zoning Ordinance as follows: To amend Article 3, Schedule 1 of the Epping Zoning Ordinance to change the minimum lot size in the industrial/commercial zone from three (3) acres to two (2) acres. This change will potentially affect anyone who owns or wishes to buy, develop or use land in the industrial/commercial zone. (Majority vote required. Recommended by the Planning Board).

ARTICLE 4: Are you in favor of the adoption of Warrant Article 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Epping Zoning Ordinance as follows: To amend Article 3, Schedule 1 of the Epping Zoning Ordinance to add a requirement for minimum frontage of 200 feet for lots in the industrial/commercial zone. This change will potentially affect anyone who owns or wishes to buy, develop or use land in the industrial/commercial zone. (Majority vote required. Recommended by the Planning Board).

ARTICLE 5: Are you in favor of the adoption of Warrant Article 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Epping Zoning Ordinance as follows: To amend Article 2 of the Epping Zoning Ordinance to remove "Excavation of Sand, Gravel and Stone" as a permitted use in the Residential and Rural Residential Zones and to add "Commercial Excavation of Sand, Gravel and Stone" as a permitted use in the Highway Commercial, and the Industrial/Commercial Zones. This change will potentially affect anyone who owns or wishes to buy, develop or use land for commercial excavations in the Town of Epping. (Majority vote required. Recommended by the Planning Board).

ARTICLE 6: Are you in favor of the adoption of Warrant Article 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Epping Zoning Ordinance as follows: To amend the Epping Zoning Ordinance Article 11.9 in its entirety to be replaced with new language that adopts the 2000 International Building Code as the Town of Epping Building Code. This change will potentially affect anyone who owns or wishes to buy, develop or use land in the Town of Epping. (Majority vote required. Recommended by the Planning Board).

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300,000 for the purpose of construction, reconstruction, and paving of various Town roads as determined by the Town's Road Plan and the Board of Selectmen. Also, to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and authorize the Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. (3/5 majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Municipal Budget Committee.)

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Nine Thousand Dollars (\$39,000) for the purchase a GMC 3500 series one-ton pickup truck with plow and attachments to include a one-ton dump for the Highway Department. The acceptance of this article will automatically rescind Article # 9. (Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Municipal Budget Committee.)

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of a Highway Department GMC 3500 series one-ton pickup truck with plow and attachments to include a one-ton dump and to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be placed in this fund. (Majority vote required. Recommended by Board of Selectmen and the Municipal Budget Committee.)

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) to remove approximately 350 tons of existing scrap tires from the Town of Epping Stump Dump during fiscal year 2002. (Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Municipal Budget Committee).

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be deposited into the existing Landfill Closure Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Municipal Budget Committee.)

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to make necessary repairs to the Town Hall steeple. (Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Municipal Budget Committee).

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$28,500) to complete the recycling center building. If the operating budget of the Town (Article 29) passes, then this Article will be rescinded. (Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Municipal Budget Committee).

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a five (5) year lease agreement for the purpose of leasing and equipping a Fire Department Utility Truck to replace the existing Fire Department Rescue Van; and to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$12,200.00) for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease agreement will contain a non-appropriation clause and is expected to cost a grant total of One Hundred Twenty Two Thousand Dollars (\$122,000.00) with a One Dollar (\$1.00) purchase option at the end of the lease term. (Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Municipal Budget Committee).

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$8,800.00) to equip three police cruisers with laptop computers and mounting brackets and to establish a SPOTS (State Police On-Line Telecommunications System) computer at the police department. (Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Municipal Budget Committee).

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$8,800.00) to purchase CCTV (Closed Circuit TV) cameras and monitors at the Safety Complex. This system will monitor the Booking Room, Holding Cells and other sensitive areas of the police department. (Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Municipal Budget Committee).

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Three Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Three Dollars (\$23,453.00) for the purchase and equipping of a new cruiser for the Police Department. (Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Municipal Budget Committee).

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) in support of the Epping Youth Athletic Association. (Majority vote required. Submitted by Petition. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Municipal Budget Committee).

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$8,800.00) for the purpose of improvements to the Harvey Mitchell Memorial Library. Such improvements will include but not be limited to replacing or repointing brickwork on the front steps, replace railings on front steps, replace light fixtures on the main floor of the library, carpeting for the main floor of the library, computer work station furniture and a rapid response security system. (Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Municipal Budget Committee).

ARTICLE 20: To authorize the Trustee of Trust Funds to transfer \$23,972 to the Cemetery Trustees for necessary enhancements and expansion of the Central Cemetery. These funds were originally provided to the Trustees of the Trust Funds by the Conservation Commission through their Land Use Change Tax Penalty Funds and are to be considered compensation for conservation purposes of the land bordered by the Central Cemetery and the Lamprey River. (Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Municipal Budget Committee).

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000) to sponsor in Epping an "Olde Home Day" event during the year 2002. (Majority vote required. Submitted by Petition. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Municipal Budget Committee).

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000) for the purpose of painting the exterior of Watson's Academy. (Majority vote required. Submitted by Petition. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen).

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to accept historical names of Epping persons, families or events for any New Town Accepted Roads, Streets, Etc. prior to assigning any Names for Roads, Streets, etc. (Majority vote required. Submitted by Petition).

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-Four Dollars (\$34,794.00) to be distributed to the organizations listed below in the amounts noted for services estimated to be rendered to residents of the Town during the year 2002. (Majority vote required. Submitted by the Board of Selectmen pursuant to RSA 31:131 and recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee.)

| Organization | 2001 Appropriation | 2002 Request | BOS Recommend | BudCom Recommend |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Aids Response Seacoast | \$0 | \$500 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Adult Tutorial Program | \$500 | \$500 | \$500 | \$500 |
| A Safe Place | \$500 | \$500 | \$500 | \$500 |
| American Red Cross | \$500 | \$500 | \$500 | \$500 |
| Area Homecare & Family Services | \$2,610 | \$2,610 | \$2,610 | \$2,610 |
| Child & Family Services | \$4,000 | \$4,000 | \$4,000 | \$4,000 |
| Community Diversion Program | \$1,590 | \$1,590 | \$1,590 | \$1,590 |
| Lamprey Health Care | \$3,600 | \$3,600 | \$3,600 | \$3,600 |
| Retired Senior Volunteer Program | \$300 | \$300 | \$300 | \$300 |
| Richie McFarland Children's Center | \$2,750 | \$2,750 | \$2,750 | \$2,750 |
| Rockingham County Community Action Program | \$9,350 | \$14,099 | \$9,350 | \$9,350 |
| Rockingham Nutrition & Meals On Wheels | \$3,724 | \$3,724 | \$3,724 | \$3,724 |
| Seacoast Big Brother/Big Sister Program | \$3,240 | \$1,620 | \$1,620 | \$1,620 |
| Seacoast Hospice | \$1,500 | \$1,500 | \$1,500 | \$1,500 |
| Sexual Assault Support Services | \$1,250 | \$1,250 | \$1,250 | \$1,250 |
| Seacoast Mental Health | \$0 | \$3,000 | \$0 | \$1,000 |
| Totals: | \$35,414 | \$42,043 | \$33,794 | \$34,794 |

ARTICLE 25: To compel the Selectmen, Fire Wards and Budget Committee to not submit and/or approve budget line items which provide funding for or pay the dues to professional, non-profit, or quasi-government organizations for elected and/or appointed Town officials or Town employees unless specifically authorized by New Hampshire State Law (i.e. RSA 31:8 Power and Duties of Towns). (Majority vote required. Submitted by Petition)

ARTICLE 26: To compel the Selectmen to abide by the requirements of RSA 41:25 and RSA 41:33 (setting of compensation for the Town Clerk and Tax Collector respectively); to submit the proposed compensation for these two elected positions, as required by law, to the Annual Town Meeting (Legislative Body) for approval. Furthermore, these salaries are to be published as line items in their respective budgets and in the Annual Town Report. (Majority vote required. Submitted by Petition).

ARTICLE 27: To support an expanded use of EPTV-22 to include all the benefits of local programming, namely public access, education and government (PEG) as provided for under the Federal Communications Act of 1996. Expanding the use of EPTV-22 will not require any additional funding. (Majority vote required. Submitted by Petition).


ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to reduce from fifty (50%) to ten percent (10%) the amount of money given to the Conservation Commission from the Land Use Change Tax (LUCT). The funds shall be placed into a separate Conservation Fund not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) annually and shall only be used for the acquisition of land and conservation easements. Further, the remaining ninety percent (90%) LUCT shall be placed into the General Fund and used to reduce the property tax. Acceptance of this article repeals Article 13, passed at the 2000 Annual Town Meeting. (Majority vote required. Submitted by Petition)


ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Million Forty Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Two Dollars (\$3,040,162) which represents the operating budget of the Town. Said sum does not include the special and individual warrant articles herein contained. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget from last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Epping Board of Selectmen or by law will be the default budget; or the governing body may hold a special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Municipal Budget Committee).

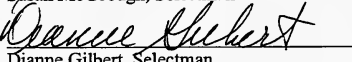
ARTICLE 30: To see what action the Town will take in regards to the reports of its officers and agents.


GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS AND SEAL THIS 14th DAY OF JANUARY, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, TWO THOUSAND AND TWO.


Thomas Gauthier, Chairman


Kim Sullivan, Vice Chairman


Susan McGeough, Selectman


Dianne Gilbert, Selectman


Steve Johnson, Selectman

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Chief Gregory Dodge, Officer Rich Cote and Sergeant Jason Neuman.

were briefed daily by State and Federal Law Enforcement Agencies on how to handle calls for suspicious packages, letters, etc. In addition we have been provided with a name list of known terrorists just as a precaution in the event we come across any of the individuals named. While some may think we are detached from the world of terrorism, you must remember the terror of September 11th began in Portland, ME. We have also received calls from Epping residents reporting suspicious people and activity in their neighborhoods. All information is forwarded to the

FBI in Boston, MA per their request. The information that we provide is included in a database for future reference. If you think you have come across anything that looks suspicious in any way, please do not touch it, contain it if you can and call the police and/or fire personnel, they will take care of it from there. In addition and relative to September 11th, Officer John Walsh was activated to serve in the Air National Guard. His unit has been activated for at least one year and this will undoubtedly be a difficult time for John and his family and we wish him well. We pray

that he will return to us safely and within a short period of time. Officer Gregory Nye was hired to fill in for John Walsh until his return. Officer Nye has thirteen years of experience with both the Exeter and Kensington Police Departments. I am grateful to Greg for his willingness to assist us.

In July of this year the Department lost its long time Administrative Assistant, Patricia Wood, who relocated to Colebrook, NH with her husband Denny. Pat gave many dedicated years to the Town of Epping and we are grateful for her contributions. We now have Julie Sullivan working in that position and welcome her to the Department. She is an ambitious and thorough employee and we wish her well in her new position. I would also like to acknowledge and welcome the following new officers to the department. With your support last year we were able

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ACTIVITY SUMMARY

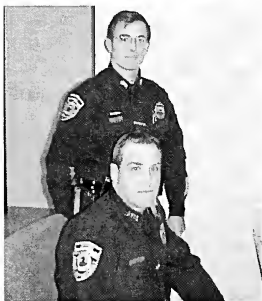
| CATEGORY | 2000 | 2001 | % CHANGE |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|----------|
| Crimes Reported | 420 | 458 | 9% |
| Arrests | 285 | 329 | 15% |
| Reported Accidents | 150 | 179 | 19% |
| Calls for Service | 4,403 | 6,015 | 37% |
| Active Investigations | 40 | 58 | 45% |



Officer Ray Fluet and his K-9 Twister (Black Lab).

Police Department (cont).

to add three full-time officers to our force. Our first hire was Officer Art Reed; he came to us from the Exeter Police Department where he served for



*Officer Art Reed (standing)
and Officer Gregory Nye (seated).*

sixteen and one-half years. He brings with him a wealth of experience and we appreciate the contributions he has and will make to the Town and the department. Secondly, Officer Ray Fluet joined us from the Brentwood Police Department where he served for approximately two and one-half years. Some of you may know Ray's partner, "Twister" who is a trained drug dog. We were very fortunate to acquire the services of both Ray and his dog and have been impressed with the work they have done. Officer Bradley Jardis joined the department and comes to us from South Hampton, NH where he served as a police officer. Brad is also a welcomed addition to our department and we hope he enjoys a long career with us.

Activity has increased in all categories this past year. The number of active investigations is a concern that will need to be addressed by the year 2003. Having one detective assigned to investigate crime has become unmanageable. It is difficult to focus on one case at a time when other priorities arise each and every day. During the summer months when the School Resource Officer is back with us, I am able to give the Detective some relief by adding a person in his office. Our Detective does a great job, but the backlog of cases is overwhelming at times and we need to be more efficient. A summary of our activity follows.

You will see on the warrant this year, three articles. I ask for your support in purchasing closed circuit television for the safety complex, computer hardware, and a new police cruiser. All these items are essential to our operation and I would urge you to attend deliberative session where you will have the only chance to be informed as to why I make these requests. Voting will take place at the same time you cast your ballot for elected officials.

In closing, I look forward to a productive 2002 and ask that you contact the Police Department if you have any questions or concerns. This is your Police Department and public feedback is important to us. You may contact us by calling 679-5834 during normal business hours. All emergencies please call 911 for immediate assistance.



L-R (back row) Officer Paul Hanley, Officer Art Reed, Officer Jeff LeDuc, Detective Marc Turner, Officer Bradley Jardis. L-R (middle row) Officer Shannon Lussier, Chief Gregory Dodge, Sergeant Michael Wallace, Officer Sean Gallagher. L-R (front row) Officer Rich McFadden, Officer Ray Fluet, K-9 Twister, Officer John Walsh, Officer Rich Cote, Sergeant Jason Newman.

Photo courtesy of Kaplan Studios

Gregory C. Dodge, Chief of Police

Recreation Department

During the past year the Recreation Department once again went through a transitional period as the Department said goodbye to former director Louise Caason and welcomed new Director Sean Kotkowski. Louise had a dramatic impact in raising the standards of Recreation in the community and the entire department thanks her for her hard work. Along with the programming that has been developed by Louise and the past directors, this year the department looks to expand once again with goals of providing increased programming for teenagers, families, and adults. Despite making the transition between directors the department was able to continue with many of its popular programs. This would not have been possible without the help of the Recreation Commission and the various veteran staff members who worked together to make this year successful despite the hectic spring. The Recreation Commission was and is quite more than a helping hand in a chaotic time, and have been essential to the development of the department. I would like to thank them for enriching the town of Epping through their dedication to recreation.

Since there are some of you whom I do not yet know I wanted to take this opportunity to formally introduce myself. My name is Sean Kotkowski and I am your new Recreation Director. I recently graduated from the University of New Hampshire where I studied Recreation Management and History. I grew up a short distance down the road in Hampton, but I just recent-

ly returned to the East Coast after having worked in Scottsdale, Arizona and Park City, Utah. I am happy to be home and excited to be working here in Epping and I would love to entertain any ideas or opinions of what you think your recreation department should and could be. Once again I'd like to say "Hello" and I look forward to meeting all of you! At this time I would like to highlight some of the successful programs that occurred throughout the year.

Among the programs that continued without a hitch was the After School Program that grew slightly catering to over thirty different kids throughout the year. This program provides school-age children the opportunity to get assistance with homework and participate in a variety of arts, crafts, and fun activities all while developing new and lasting friendships with staff and peers.

The Summer Recreation Program saw overwhelming success this year serving over sixty different children throughout the seven-week program. This day camp provides Epping residents the opportunity to visit a variety of educational and fun seacoast attractions including Canobie Lake Park, York's Wild Kingdom, the Christa McAuliffe Planetarium, and many others. While two days a week are spent on field trips, the rest of the week offers traditional camp activities and games to keep your kids entertained during the hot summer months. I would like to thank Mark Vallone, the Epping Elementary School, and the entire summer staff for their

cooperation in making this year a tremendous success.

For those children more dedicated to arts and crafts the Recreation Department offered Youth Ceramics classes throughout the summer and school year. The department would like to thank Barbara Young for all of her hard work and dedication to the arts, which enabled the Recreation Department to offer this enriching and educational program for the youth of Epping.

Yet another exciting program that was reinvigorated this year was the Jack Sharkey Memorial 5K Road Race. The race was held as part of the Old Home's Day Celebration that took place August 11th and 12th. This year over 40 adults and children participated in the event, which included a Tyke Trot and Fun Run along with the 5K Race. The Recreation Department is proud to sponsor this race and the entire weekend and we look forward to even greater success in the years to come.

The programs highlighted here and all others sponsored by the Recreation Department take place at Watson Academy. The recent move to Watson has not only increased programming opportunities for the department, but it has expanded our reach allowing many different groups to take advantage of the historic building. In cooperation with the department a variety of groups have used Watson

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Recreation Department (cont).

Academy to offer numerous Recreational and Cultural opportunities to the community. Throughout the summer and fall use of the building has continued to climb serving the Epping Imaginers (a 4H group), the Watson Academy Senior's Club, troops of Girl Scouts and Tiger Cubs, the Abenaki Players, and a Watson Academy Reunion Party just to name a few. Watson has also allowed the department to house the WIC program and Foster Parent Training courses through the College of Lifelong Learning at the University of New Hampshire. The department

is excited to be able to work with these groups and share this wonderful old building with the wide variety of organizations that call Epping home.

Along with the programs and events that have been highlighted here the Recreation Department is proud to offer many other seasonal and yearlong programs. This year we hope to expand by adding a ski program, several teen trips, and family oriented trips and events. If you have questions or comments about current or future programs or you have an idea you

would like to see implemented please stop by the Recreation Office, call 679-3301, or email at epplingrec@hotmail.com. I look forward to seeing all of you throughout the year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the selectmen, town administrator, and all Epping residents for their support of recreation. Thanks to the efforts of all of these people the Recreation Department has been given the opportunity to enrich the lives of each and every community member through recreation.

Town Clerk

The Town Clerk's Office had the following activity during the period of January 1, 2001 through October 31, 2001

Thank you all for your cooperation complying with the new law

for registering older vehicles. The Epping Police Department has been a big help with their willingness to inspect these vehicles. After hearing from other Town Clerks what problems they are having, I realize how lucky we are

to have the assistance of our Police Department.

There is a new face in the Town Clerk and Tax Collector's office. Eve Quinn has left to work for the Town of Exeter. Joyce Blanchard of Epping

ACTIVITY SUMMARY

| | | |
|------------------------------------|-------|---------------------|
| Motor Vehicle Permits Issued | 6,588 | \$670,672.50 |
| Municipal Agent Transactions | 5,267 | 13,167.50 |
| Dog Licenses | 735 | 4,491.50 |
| Dump Permits | 2,681 | 2,681.00 |
| Marriage Licenses | 37 | 1,665.00 |
| Vital Records Certificates | 67 | 834.00 |
| UCC Filings | 186 | 1,485.00 |
| Miscellaneous | | 2,087.50 |
| Total Remitted to Treasurer | | \$697,084.00 |



Linda Foley, Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Water and Sewer Commission

We, the Water and Sewer Commissioners, wish to thank all of you for your understanding as we deal with the Water and Sewer improvements that are now in progress.

The Waste Water Treatment Facility is now about 85-90% complete. We are on budget and on schedule at this time. We hope to have the Plant in full operation by early Summer of 2002. We will then have some work to do on one of the lagoons. After the above has been completed, we will be in compliance with all State and Federal regulations. We expect this new Plant to carry us through the next 15 to 20 years, with regulated growth. It is very important t every

Town Clerk (cont).

is the new Deputy. Many of you already know Joyce. I'm sure everyone will enjoy working with her.

Linda Foley, Town Clerk



Joyce Blanchard, Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector



Norm Dionne, Water and Sewer Operator

one know that this will not have any effect on the tax dollar as it is all Federal and State Grants.

We are trying to determine how much of an expense it will be to operate the Plant and we will try to make it as easy as we can to the rate payers. So far we are projecting unknown figures in our budget. After the first year, we will have a better idea on new rates.

Our Water Well #4 and Hoar Pond Well #1 are in very good condition. As of this writing our Hoar Pond Well #2 is about to be tested. We feel very confident that this well will be as good as #1. If our expectations are accurate, we will have a very good source of water that should carry us for the next 10 to 15 years. Our old well #1 on Fremont Road will be taken out of service. By doing so we may be able to get some Grant Money from the State. The Old #1 Well has served us very well for at least 50 years.

We are very busy working on changing our Fee Structure so it

will be fair to all of our customers. We are also working on upgrading our water infrastructure such as replacing all lines less than 6" and looping several lines. By doing this we will supply our customers with clearer water.

As of this writing, in early November, 2001, we lost the services of Town Administrator Blaine Cox. He was a very important part of all our upgrades. Blaine was the representative for us with the Engineers at Hoyle Tanner and all the contractors we hired. We sure miss him. Good Luck Blaine from every one involved in all of these projects!

We hope our new Administrator will perform as well as Blaine Cox. We will try very hard to make this person feel at home.

WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS:

Roger Gauthier
Henry DeBoer
Michael King

Zoning Board of Adjustment

The Zoning Board of Adjustment consists of five elected members: Chairman Kevin Murphy (2002), Vice Chairman Paul Langdon, Jr. (2002), Ronald LaChance (2002); newly elected Thomas Dwyer (2004) and newly elected Steve Illsley (2004). Alternates Paul Brown, Richard Fisher, and Stephanie Guy who had to resign due to a conflict with her employment. The Board thanked Stephanie for her support on the ZBA. Zoning Secretary Phyllis McDonough.

In 2001, the ZBA heard **Ten** requests for Variances that were granted. **One** Variance that was denied and **One** was withdrawn. **Three** hearings for Special Exceptions, all were granted. **Two** Motions for Rehearing were denied. One Appeal from Administrative Decision was denied.

New Hampshire law strictly controls the actions of ZBA Boards in the state. By law a ZBA can only grant three kinds of requests: an appeal of a previous administrative decision regarding the meaning of the Town Ordinance; a request for a Special Exception (if it meets all the specific conditions of the Town Ordinance), and request for a Variance from the literal wording of the ordinance-**IF** it meets five tests spelled out in state law. Therefore, your Zoning Board of Adjustment earnestly asks every

person considering an appeal to **read Epping's Zoning Ordinance carefully beforehand, and to refrain from submitting any request which cannot be granted within these laws.** By so doing they will save themselves time, expense and frustration.

For example, Epping's Zoning Ordinance states that certain uses are permitted by Special Exception in the Aquifer Protection District, provided they will not pollute the aquifer, significantly reduce the volume of water which it contains, or discharge hazardous materials on site. It is the ZBA's responsibility to decide whether or not a request meets these conditions. If the ZBA finds all the conditions have been met, it must grant the request; if it finds even one condition is not met, under the law it cannot grant it.

If a variance is requested, by State law the ZBA can grant it **ONLY** if all five criteria are met:

- Value of surrounding properties would not be reduced.
- Granting the appeal would be in the public interest.
- Denying the appeal would effectively prevent the owner from making any reasonable use of the land.
- By granting the appeal substantial justice would be done.
- The use must not be contrary to the "spirit and intent" of the

zoning ordinance. The courts have ruled "when an ordinance contains a restriction against a particular use of the land, The ZBA would violate the spirit and intent by permitting that use."

The principle underlying these laws is **ONLY THE VOTERS HAVE POWER TO CHANGE THEIR ZONING ORDINANCE.** No ZBA has this power.

Members continue to attend law lectures for Zoning Boards sponsored by the New Hampshire Municipal Association.

The Board would like to remind the public that the Zoning Board of Adjustment meets as needed and all meetings are televised on EPTV. The Board also invites the public to attend the meetings.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT:

Officers:

Kevin Murphy
Paul Langdon, Jr.
Thomas Dwyer, Jr.
Steve Illsley
Ron LaChance

Alternates:

Paul Brown
Dick Fisher

Phyllis McDonough, Zoning Board Assistant

Financial Reports

Tax Collector

For the period of January 1, 2001 through October 31, 2001

TAXES COMMITTED AND OTHER DEBITS

Outstanding Taxes as of January 1, 2001

| | |
|---------------------|---------|
| Property Taxes | 663,375 |
| Land Use Change Tax | 14,762 |
| Excavation | 2,285 |
| Timber | 990 |
| Water & Sewer | 17,485 |

Committed During 2001

| | |
|---------------------|-----------|
| Property Taxes | 5,610,553 |
| Land Use Change Tax | 51,080 |
| Excavation | 6,206 |
| Timber | 9,378 |
| Water & Sewer | 216,044 |

2000 Taxes Converted to Lien

| | |
|---------------------|---------|
| Property Taxes | 178,085 |
| Land Use Change Tax | 9,600 |

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Tax Collector (cont).

TAXES COLLECTED, ABATED AND OTHER CREDITS

Collected in 2001

| | |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| Property Taxes | 2,978,879 |
| Land Use Change Tax | 46,242 |
| Excavation | 5,340 |
| Timber | 9,457 |
| Interest on Taxes | 42,579 |
| Water & Sewer | 165,208 |
| Interest on Water & Sewer | 1,581 |

| | ABATED | REFUNDED | DEEDED |
|---|--------|----------|--------|
| Abated, Refunded or Deeded in 2001 | | | |
| Property Taxes | 11,157 | 10,001 | 3,460 |
| Land Use Change Tax | 1,500 | | |
| Timber | 790 | | |
| Water & Sewer | 4,061 | 194 | |

Balance Outstanding as of October 31, 2001

| | |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| Property Taxes for 2001 | 3,087,614 |
| Prior Years Taxes | 227,836 |
| Land Use Change Tax | 8,500 |
| Excavation | 3,151 |
| Timber | 121 |
| Water & Sewer | 64,440 |

The completed Tax Collector's Report for 2001 will be available at the Tax Collector's Office and Selectmen's Office by January 31, 2002.

Linda Foley, Tax Collector

Summary of Valuation MS-1

| | ACRES | 2000 | 2001 | NET CHANGE |
|------------------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| VALUE OF LAND | | | | |
| Current Use | 9,477.40 | \$ 1,044,148 | \$ 1,055,858 | \$ 11,710 |
| Residential | 4,586.00 | 50,844,178 | 51,792,478 | 948,300 |
| Commercial/Industrial | 784.61 | 9,785,100 | 9,884,600 | 1,047,800 |
| Total Taxable Land | 14,848.01 | 61,673,426 | 62,732,936 | 1,059,510 |
| Tax Exempt/Non-Taxable | 579.39 | 4,391,379 | 4,362,479 | (1,088,410) |

Summary of Valuation MS-1 (cont).

| ACRES | 2000 | 2001 | NET CHANGE |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| VALUE OF BUILDINGS | | | |
| Residential | 113,481,164 | 123,703,664 | 10,222,500 |
| Mobile Homes | 8,310,300 | 8,589,800 | 10,502,000 |
| Commercial/Industrial | 15,466,705 | 16,546,774 | 1,080,069 |
| Total of Taxable Buildings | 137,258,169 | 148,840,238 | 11,582,069 |
| <i>Tax Exempt/Non-Taxable</i> | <i>9,496,958</i> | <i>9,465,658</i> | <i>(31,300)</i> |
| PUBLIC UTILITIES | | | |
| Public Utilities | 6,556,791 | 6,746,884 | 190,093 |
| VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS | 205,488,386 | 218,320,058 | 12,831,672 |
| Blind Exemption 7 @ 15,000 | 105,000 | 105,000 | 0 |
| Elderly Exemption 70 | 1,607,100 | 1,601,800 | (5,300) |
| TOTAL AMOUNT OF EXEMPTIONS | 1,712,100 | 1,706,800 | (10,600) |
| Net Value For Local Tax Rate | 203,776,286 | 216,613,258 | 12,836,972 |
| Net Value w/o Utilities for State | | | |
| Education Tax | 197,219,495 | 209,866,374 | 12,646,879 |
| PUBLIC UTILITIES | | | |
| Public Service | 6,243,591 | 6,433,684 | 190,093 |
| NH Electric Coop | 313,200 | 313,200 | 0 |
| Total Public Utilities | 6,556,791 | 6,746,884 | 190,093 |

Statement of Appropriations MS-2

| ITEM | 2000 | 2001 | 2000/2001 INCREASE |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|
| GENERAL GOVERNMENT | | | |
| Executive | \$154,641 | \$166,442 | \$201,894 |
| Election, Reg & Vital Statistics | 43,426 | 50,063 | 6,637 |
| Financial Administration | 112,913 | 105,961 | (6,952) |
| Revaluation of Property | 5,000 | 15,000 | 10,000 |
| Legal Expense | 26,000 | 25,500 | (500) |
| Personnel Administration | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 |
| Planning & Zoning | 55,221 | 59,563 | 4,342 |
| General Government Buildings | 48,146 | 74,922 | 26,776 |
| Cemeteries | 1,400 | 6,400 | 5,000 |
| Insurance | 35,000 | 34,457 | (543) |

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Statement of Appropriations MS-2 (cont).

| ITEM | 2000 | 2001 | 2000/2001 INCREASE |
|---|---------|-----------|--------------------|
| Advertising & Regional Assoc. | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other General Government | 19,132 | 14,351 | (4,781) |
| PUBLIC SAFETY | | | |
| Police | 416,368 | 625,694 | 209,326 |
| Ambulance | 164,747 | 190,597 | 25,850 |
| Fire | 116,905 | 116,496 | (409) |
| Building Inspection | 28,155 | 41,492 | 13,337 |
| Emergency Management | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Public Safety | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER | | | |
| Airport Operations | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| HIGHWAYS & STREETS | | | |
| Administration | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Highways & Streets | 355,991 | 402,887 | 46,986 |
| Bridges | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Street Lighting | 15,000 | 15,000 | 0 |
| Other | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SANITATION | | | |
| Administration | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Solid Waste Collection | 53,513 | 60,975 | 7,462 |
| Solid Waste Disposal | 124,500 | 124,775 | 275 |
| Solid Waste Clean-Up | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sewage Collection, Disposal & Other | 94,468 | 124,099 | 29,631 |
| WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT | | | |
| Administration | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Water Services | 60,782 | 61,777 | 995 |
| Water Treatment, Conservation & Other | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ELECTRIC | | | |
| Electrical Operations | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| HEALTH | | | |
| Administration | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Pest Control (Animal Control Officer) | 2,500 | 2,860 | 360 |
| Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other | \$ 0 | \$ 35,414 | \$ 35,414 |
| WELFARE | | | |
| Administration & Direct Assistance | 18,211 | 10,000 | (8,211) |

Statement of Appropriations MS-2 (cont).

| ITEM | 2000 | 2001 | 2000/2001 INCREASE |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Intergovernmental Welfare Payments | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Vendor Payments & Other | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CULTURE & RECREATION | | | |
| Parks & Recreation | 110,330 | 104,060 | (6,270) |
| Library | 67,100 | 68,700 | 1,600 |
| Patriotic Purposes | 1,100 | 1,100 | 0 |
| Other Culture & Recreation | 0 | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| CONSERVATION | | | |
| Admin. & Purch. Of Nat. Resources | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Conservation | 1,000 | 1,000 | 0 |
| REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING | | | |
| Economic Development | 12,500 | 12,500 | 0 |
| DEBT SERVICE | | | |
| Principal: Long-term Bonds & Notes | 210,000 | 109,000 | (101,000) |
| Interest: Long-term Bonds & Notes | 39,288 | 69,929 | 30,641 |
| Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Debt Service | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CAPITAL OUTLAY | | | |
| Land & Improvements | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Buildings | 0 | 48,750 | 48,750 |
| Improvements Other than Buildings | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT | | | |
| To Special Revenue Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| To Capital Projects Fund | 0 | 15,000 | 15,000 |
| To Enterprise Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sewer | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Water | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Electric | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Airport | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| To Capital Reserve Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| To Expendable Trust Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| To Health Maintenance Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| To Non-Expendable Trust Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| To Agency Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL APPROPRIATION | \$2,401,987 | \$2,797,764 | \$395,777 |

Revised Estimated Revenues MS-4

| SOURCE OF REVENUE (WARRANT ARTICLE #) | FY00 PROJECTED | FY01 PROJECTED | DOLLAR VARIANCE |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| TAXES | | | |
| Land Use Change Taxes | \$ 72,777 | \$ 20,600 | \$ (52,177) |
| Resident Tax | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Yield Taxes | 9,350 | 9,450 | 100 |
| Payment In Lieu of Taxes | 3,311 | 0 | (3,311) |
| Other Taxes | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes | 75,600 | 71,000 | (4,600) |
| Inventory Penalties | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Excavation Tax (\$0.02 per cu yd) | 0 | 1,200 | 1,200 |
| Excavation Activity Tax | 5,490 | 5,500 | 10 |
| LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES | | | |
| Business Licenses & Permits | 24,614 | 2,021 | (22,593) |
| Motor Vehicle Permit Fees | 741,000 | 765,800 | 24,800 |
| Building Permits | 52,573 | 25,501 | (27,072) |
| Other Licenses, Permits & Fees | 8,775 | 10,138 | 1,363 |
| Federal Government (COPS Fast Grant) | 16,000 | 0 | (16,000) |
| STATE GOVERNMENT | | | |
| Shared Revenue | 50,000 | 0 | (50,000) |
| Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution | 50,000 | 163,816 | 113,816 |
| Highway Block Grant | 100,000 | 119,207 | 19,207 |
| Water Pollution Grants | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Housing & Community Development | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Flood Control Reimbursement | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Miscellaneous | 27,605 | 34,182 | 6,577 |
| From Other Governments | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CHARGES FOR SERVICES | | | |
| Income from Departments | 93,976 | 103,845 | 9,869 |
| Other Charges | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES | | | |
| Sale of Municipal Property | 8,875 | 47,020 | 38,145 |
| Interest on Investments | 92,000 | 55,960 | (36,040) |
| Other | 107,966 | 88,890 | (19,076) |
| INTERFUND TRANSFER IN | | | |
| Special Revenue Fund (Safety Complex) | 60,632 | 90,000 | 29,368 |

Revised Estimated Revenues(MS-4 (cont)).

| SOURCE OF REVENUE (WARRANT ARTICLE #) | FY00 PROJECTED | FY01 PROJECTED | DOLLAR VARIANCE |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| From Capital Projects Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| From Enterprise Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| From Sewer | 135,000 | 435,284 | 300,284 |
| From Water | 65,000 | 233,700 | 168,700 |
| From Electric | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| From Airport | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Capital Reserve Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Trust & Agency Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 |

OTHER FINANCING SOURCES

| | | | |
|---|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Proceeds from Long Term Notes & Bonds (8) | 5,000,000 | 0 | (5,000,000) |
| Total Revenues: | \$6,803,544 | 2,302,456 | (4,501,088) |
| Unreserved Fund Balance (CPA) | \$ 921,805 | | |
| Voted from Fund Balance "Surplus" | 0 | | |
| Unreserved Fund Balance – Retained | \$ 921,805 | | |
| Unreserved Fund Balance – Reduce Taxes | 0 | | |
| Total Revenue & Credits: | \$3,224,261 | | |
| Requested Overlay | \$ 50,000 | | |

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General Information

Town Owned Properties

Last Updated 06/11/2001

| MAP | LOT | SERIAL | LOCATION | VALUE |
|-----|-----|--------|---|---------|
| 10 | 32 | 619 | HIGH ROAD, 22 ACRES, WITH A CONSERVATION EASEMENT | 52,901 |
| 12 | 26 | 539 | OFF CAMP LEE ROAD 4.5 ACRES | 28,500 |
| 15 | 13 | 2241 | RED OAK HILL 40,000 S.F. - TRIANGLE AT INTERSECTION OF RED OAK HILL, PLUMER ROAD AND NOTTINGHAM SQ. RD. | 25,000 |
| 18 | 1 | 2126 | JACOBSEWELL ROAD - 11.65 ACRES CONSERVATION LAND | 49,700 |
| 22 | 44 | 1744 | HOAR POND PROPERTY - TAKEN BY EMINENT DOMAIN FOR NEW WELL 9/99. 56 ACRES MORE OR LESS BENIAH LANE | 37,900 |
| 22 | 53 | 597 | 17 ACADEMY STREET-SCHOOL PROPERTY - WATSON ACADEMY, MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL, ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | 482,700 |
| 22 | 68 | 2503 | PLUMER ROAD - 17,000 S.F. - OLD CEMETERY ON LEHRMIT PROPERTY | 3,900 |
| 22 | 89 | 1837 | CATE STREET 3.18 ACRES - PUBLIC SKATING RINK AND SPORTS FIELD | 45,000 |
| 22 | 96 | 2881 | CATE STREET SPORTS FIELD AND TENNIS COURTS | 35,700 |
| 24 | 96 | 605 | OLD HEDDING RD. - DUMP 11 ACRES TRANSFER STATION, RECYCLING AND HIGHWAY STORAGE LD | 97,600 |

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Town Owned Properties (cont).

| MAP | LOT | SERIAL | LOCATION | VALUE |
|-----|------|--------|--|---------|
| 24 | 97 | 2891 | COWDIN MEADOW 6 ACRES | 30,100 |
| 25 | 2 | 607 | JACOBSEWELL ROAD – FOREST - 2.37 ACRES PROTECTED CONSERVATION FOREST LAND | 26,700 |
| 26 | 1 | 1780 | PRESCOTT ROAD 2 ACRES | 26,100 |
| 26 | 14 | 2578 | JOSHUA LAND 3.21 ACRES | 27,300 |
| 26 | 15 | 2576 | JOSHUA LANE 1.47 ACRES | 25,500 |
| 26 | 16 | 2575 | JOSHUA LANE 2.02 ACRES | 26,100 |
| 26 | 17 | 2574 | JOSHUA LANE 1.24 ACRES | 25,300 |
| 26 | 18 | 2573 | JOSHUA LANE 1.71 ACRES | 25,800 |
| 26 | 19 | 2572 | JOSHUA LANE 1.12 ACRES | 25,200 |
| 26 | 20 | 2571 | JOSHUA LANE 1.77 ACRES | 25,900 |
| 26 | 21 | 2570 | JOSHUA LANE 1.59 ACRES | 25,700 |
| 26 | 22 | 2569 | JOSHUA LANE 1.68 ACRES | 25,800 |
| 26 | 23 | 2568 | JOSHUA LANE 1.46 ACRES | 25,500 |
| 26 | 24 | 2567 | JOSHUA LANE 1.52 ACRES | 25,600 |
| 26 | 27 | 2566 | JOSHUA LANE 1.64 ACRES | 25,700 |
| 26 | 26 | 2565 | JOSHUA LANE 1.37 ACRES | 25,500 |
| 26 | 28 | 2564 | JOSHUA LANE 1.3 ACRES | 25,400 |
| 26 | 25 | 2563 | JOSHUA LANE 1.10 ACRES | 25,200 |
| 27 | 20 | 606 | MILL RD 5.5 ACRES, NEW CEMETERY LAND | 54,800 |
| 27 | 20-A | 2107 | MILL RD 4.5 ACRES, CONNECTED TO LOT #106-CEMETERY LAND | 4,100 |
| 27 | 61 | 602 | HOLT RD - 6 ACRES – WEST EPPING FIRE STATION | 102,600 |
| 27 | 95 | 2292 | FOLSOM LANE. 10.5 ACRES. MARY FOLSOM BLAIR MEMORIAL PARK | 37,100 |
| 29 | 103 | 2932 | PLEASANT STREET FROM ED WHITE 4.4 ACRES BACKLAND | 4,400 |
| 29 | 104 | 2767 | PLEASANT STREET 17,200 S.F. WATER TOWER LAND 39 acres | 240,800 |
| 29 | 113 | 1239 | 37 PLEASANT STREET SAFETY COMPLEX | 116,000 |
| 29 | 124 | 601 | PLEASANT STREET 12 ACRES KNOWN AS SCOUTFIELD, OWNED BY TOWN CUSTODY OF SCHOOL OFFICIALS | 7,200 |
| 29 | 133 | 604 | MAIN STREET 1.77 ACRES. TOWN HALL AND PARKING LOT | 584,900 |
| 29 | 134 | 595 | MAIN STREET 9,000 S.F. HARVEY MITCHELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY | 143,400 |
| 29 | 135 | 592 | MAIN STREET 7,200 S.F. - MAIN ST. FIRE STATION | 111,200 |
| 29 | 161 | 2331 | MILL STREET 30,000 S.F. - WASTE WATER TREATMENT FACILITY LIFT STATION | 18,000 |

Town Owned Properties (cont).

| MAP | LOT | SERIAL | LOCATION | VALUE |
|-----|------|--------|---|-----------|
| 29 | 162 | 2133 | WATER STREET 8,778 S.F. - MIRIAM JACKSON MEMORIAL PARK UNDER CUSTODY OF CONSERVATION COMM. | 25,000 |
| 29 | 167 | 599 | WATER STREET 5,226 S.F. DAR MEMORIAL LOT | 27,800 |
| 29 | 177 | 608 | BUNKER AVE. 900 S.E. -PARKING LOT | 17,200 |
| 29 | 283- | E 2909 | CALEF HWY. WHELABRATOR EASEMENT TO TOWN FOR SEWER LIFT STATION | 2,600 |
| 29 | 285 | 2130 | MAIN STREET 12,740 S.F. TRIANGLE ABOVE CUMBERLAND FARMS MAINTAINED BY EPPING GARDEN CLUB | 114,200 |
| 29 | 312 | 1915 | BUNKER AVE. 1,465 S.F. - THREE LOT PARKING LOT | 15,100 |
| 30 | 31 | 2135 | LAGOON ROAD 58 ACRES MUNICIPAL SEWAGE TREATMENT FACILITY | 1,509,900 |

Births Registered 2001

| DATE OF BIRTH | CHILD'S NAME | PARENT'S NAME | BIRTHPLACE |
|---------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| 01/10/2001 | Gracia Rowe Jordan | Robert Jordan Stacey Jordan | Portsmouth |
| 01/29/2001 | Ashley Marie Spechuilli | David Spechuilli Erica Spechuilli | Exeter |
| 01/30/2001 | Allison Elisabeth Nee | Paul Nee Lisa Nee | Beverly, Ma. |
| 02/08/2001 | Lauren Sydney Robbins | David Robbins Kathleen Robbins | Exeter |
| 02/11/2001 | Destiny Shavonne Brooke McKay | Michael McKay Heather McKay | Exeter |
| 02/12/2001 | Mya Lee Davidson | Richard Davidson Marylee Davidson | Beverly, Ma. |
| 02/15/2001 | Nickolas Ray Horton | Kenneth Horton Melissa Horton | Portsmouth |
| 02/16/2001 | Leilani Keturah Watt | Kevin Watt Sandra Watt | Exeter |
| 03/24/2001 | Rebecca Llewellyn Collins | Todd Collins Sharron Collins | Manchester |

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Births Registered 2001 (cont).

| DATE OF BIRTH | CHILD'S NAME | PARENTS NAME | BIRTHPLACE |
|---------------|--------------------------------|--|------------------|
| 03/27/2001 | David Anthony Grillo | Michael Grillo Patricia Grillo | Boston, Ma. |
| 03/27/2001 | Daniel Richard Grillo | Michael Grillo Patricia Grillo | Boston, Ma. |
| 04/01/2001 | Addison Taylor Bickford | Fremont Bickford Dorothy Bickford | Portsmouth |
| 04/04/2001 | Gabriel Malcolm Eaton | Michael Eaton Jennifer Eaton | Exeter |
| 04/11/2001 | Kenneth Grant Pegram | Kenneth Pegram Kimberly Pegram | Exeter |
| 04/11/2001 | Gabrielle Christine Hughes | Matthew Hughes Christine Hughs | Manchester |
| 04/13/2001 | Jacob Joseph Schleich | Walter Schleich Anna Schleich | Exeter |
| 04/25/2001 | Owen Alexander Joyal | Robert Joyal Alexandra Joyal | Newburyport, Ma. |
| 04/30/2001 | Morgan Michelle Shanley | Paul Shanley Maria Shanley | Exeter |
| 04/30/2001 | Colin Christopher Harry Farris | Christopher Farris Jennifer Farris | Manchester |
| 05/01/2001 | Johnathan Mekmo Phoummavong | Sirideth Phoummavong Kesone Phoummavong | Exeter |
| 05/08/2001 | Samantha Grace Hornin | David Horning Lori Horning | Manchester |
| 05/16/2001 | Michaela Drew Sable | Andrew Sable Aimee Sable | Exeter |
| 05/19/2001 | Tristan James Thibeault | Donald Thibeault Laura Thibeault | Exeter |
| 05/27/2001 | Brice Samuel Hatch | Robert Hatch Katrina Hatch | Manchester |
| 05/27/2001 | Connor Dana Jennings | Michael Jennings Sylvia Jennings | Exeter |
| 06/02/2001 | Hunter Lukas Bullock | Wayne Bullock Linda Bullock | Manchester |
| 06/14/2001 | Megan Elizabeth McFadden | Richard McFadden Elizabeth McFadden | Exeter |
| 06/24/2001 | MacKenzie Raine Newman | Jason Newman Erica Newman | Portsmouth |

Births Registered 2001 (cont).

| DATE OF BIRTH | CHILD'S NAME | PARENTS NAME | BIRTHPLACE |
|---------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 06/25/2001 | Kristina Antionette Langdon | Paul Langdon Michele Langdon | Exeter |
| 06/27/2001 | Nicole Blair Cray | Cray, Glenn Cray, Nicole | Newburyport, MA |
| 07/04/2001 | Haskel Stewart Pim | Scott Pim Marjorie Pim | Exeter |
| 07/06/2001 | Jenna Elizabeth Luby | Jeffrey Luby Desiree Luby | Exeter |
| 07/06/2001 | Jillian Diane Luby | Jeffrey Luby Desiree Luby | Exeter |
| 07/20/2001 | Spencer David Schmidt | John Schmidt Colleen Schmidt | Portsmouth |
| 08/02/2001 | Kori Ann Ellis | Patrick Ellis Andrea Ellis | Exeter |
| 09/03/2001 | Ryan Christopher Allen | Christopher Allen Catherine Allen | Exeter |
| 09/07/2001 | Noah Edward Derosier | James Derosier Jessica Derosier | Exeter |
| 09/13/2001 | Kylee Amelia Pinkham | Mark Pinkham Kimberly Pinkham | Portsmouth |
| 09/13/2001 | Emilie Anne LeBlanc | David LeBlanc Christine LeBlanc | Portsmouth |
| 09/21/2001 | Benjamin Andrew Fowler | Aaron Fowler Kelley Fowler | Portsmouth |
| 09/22/2001 | Richard Connor Pitkanen | Richard Pitkanen Mary Pitkanen | Exeter |
| 09/27/2001 | Hannah Josephine Priest | Stephen Priest Linda Priest | Portsmouth |

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Deaths Registered 2001

| DATE OF DEATH | PLACE OF DEATH | NAME OF DECEASED | FATHERS NAME | MOTHERS NAME |
|---------------|----------------|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 01/04/2001 | Exeter | Freeman T. Burhoe | Freeman Burhoe | Gertrude Barron |
| 01/06/2001 | Exeter | Norman R. Rollins | Clifton Rollins | Addie Remillard |
| 01/18/2001 | Epping | Margaret M. Wilson | Harry Larson | Marcella Donavan |
| 01/25/2001 | Exeter | Alphonse J. Jean | Alfred Jean | Josephine Lavoie |
| 02/05/2001 | Newry, Me. | Joseph J. Connors | William Connors | Katherine DeGroff |
| 02/11/2001 | Manchester | James W. Seavey | Hollis Seavey | Albertine Curtis |
| 02/15/2001 | Epping | Paul C. McNamara | Harry McNamara | Bernice Lockwood |
| 02/27/2001 | Lee | Alice R. Penfield | James Antell | Ruth Stockhaus |
| 03/01/2001 | Epping | Carolyn F. Keller | William McIntyre | Hazel Lavigne |
| 03/15/2001 | Exeter | Spencer C. Runion | Reuben Runion | Juanita Binkley |
| 03/20/2001 | Hampton | Carroll B. Bishop | Alonzo Bishop | Lillian Fuller |
| 04/04/2001 | Epping | Stanisles Dionne | Stanisles Dionne | Mary Jacques |
| 04/10/2001 | Epping | Arzilla P. Schleich | Unknown | Unknown |
| 04/21/2001 | Manchester | Olgie A. Latwen | Joseph Latwen | Annie Adrilunas |
| 04/26/2001 | Portsmouth | Bernadette L. Bernier | Napoleon Talbot | Roseanna Jolicoeur |
| 04/27/2001 | Epping | Joseph F. Lamontagne | Treffe Lamontagne | Matilda Grenier |
| 05/10/2001 | Epping | Alice Bonenfant | Lorenzo Moore | Lucy Ua |
| 05/27/2001 | Exeter | Marlene E. Bennett | Roger Moore | Muriel Greenwood |
| 06/04/2001 | Epping | Corinne Boucher | Joseph Lebel | Corinne Thibeault |
| 06/16/2001 | Laconia | Robert A. Haywood | Frederick Haywood | Barbara White |
| 06/21/2001 | Exeter | Harry E. Castle | Edward Castle | Irene Freeman |
| 07/09/2001 | Exeter | Clarence M. Rogers | Ralph Rogers | Cora Trickey |
| 07/28/2001 | Epping | Julia St. Laurent | Thomas Levesque | Marie Roussel |
| 07/28/2001 | Exeter | Richard C. Belmer | Frank Belmer | June Davis |
| 08/14/2001 | Exeter | Pasquale DeFrancesco | John DeFrancesco | Margaret Mento |
| 08/22/2001 | Salem | John Collins | Allan Collins | Sarah Lloyd |

Marriages Registered 2001

| DATE OF MARRIAGE | NAME OF GROOM & BRIDE | RESIDENCE OF GROOM & BRIDE |
|------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| 01/06/2001 | Eric J. Cloutier Brienne M. Braithwaite | Epping Barrington |
| 01/13/2001 | John B. Arthur Rebecca L. Whinery | Epping Epping |
| 01/27/2001 | Harry E. McClard Carol A. Turcotte | Epping Epping |
| 01/27/2001 | Joseph T. Tyler Kellie L. Nowe | Epping Epping |
| 02/10/2001 | Brian D. Coleman Susan P. Ford | Epping Epping |
| 02/14/2001 | Alfred A. Goulet Jana M. Morton | Epping Epping |
| 02/14/2001 | George W. Phillips Kimberly A. Comeau | Epping Epping |
| 04/07/2001 | Kevin E. Grover Mary L. Cook | Epping Epping |
| 04/27/2001 | Walter C. Turgeon Jr. Jacqueline A. Seavey | Deerfield Deerfield |
| 04/27/2001 | William B. Virgue Ann L. Virgue | Epping Epping |
| 04/29/2001 | John P. Dore Gina M. Gilberti | Epping Epping |
| 05/03/2001 | Keith A. Jackson Brocato Shauna A. McDonald | Epping Strafford |
| 05/11/2001 | Robert P. Downie Jr. Patrice A. Goolsby | Epping Rochester |
| 05/19/2001 | Stephen C. Nickerson Brenda L. Gosselin | Epping Epping |
| 06/01/2001 | Edward R. Mann Lorraine St. Hilaire | Epping Epping |
| 06/02/2001 | Billy E. Morrison Jr. Sharon E. Coles | Nottingham Nottingham |
| 06/16/2001 | Joshua L. Tardif Laura A. Sullivan | Epping Epping |
| 06/23/2001 | John D. Bonczkiewicz Dorene A. Meuse | Epping Epping |
| 06/30/2001 | Gregory T. Hoelzel Mary Beth Sanborn | Epping Epping |

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Marriages Registered 2001 (cont).

| DATE OF MARRIAGE | NAME OF GROOM & BRIDE | RESIDENCE OF GROOM & BRIDE |
|------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| 07/14/2001 | Charles F. Seamans Sandra L. Chapman | Epping Epping |
| 07/20/2001 | Michael S. Poliquin Melissa Burgess | Epping Epping |
| 07/21/2001 | Robert A. Jordan Heidi M. Corrente | Epping Epping |
| 08/04/2001 | Michael F. Flanagan Jennifer L. Fox | Epping Epping |
| 08/11/2001 | William L. Dougherty Terri S. Muirhead | Epping Epping |
| 08/13/2001 | Arthur T. Crane Wendy L. Zamora | Fremont Fremont |
| 08/15/2001 | George A. Foucher Lillian M. Foucher | Epping Epping |
| 8/18/2001 | Peter J. Palermo Sheila A. Palermo | Epping Epping |
| 09/01/2001 | Mark N. Bourdon April J. King | Epping Epping |
| 09/01/2001 | James P. Burnett Dawn E. McKinney | Epping Washington DC |
| 09/08/2001 | Jared R. Newman Stacy E. Merrill | Epping Epping |
| 09/08/2001 | John R. Boucher Cheryl A. Lundstrom | Epping Epping |
| 09/09/2001 | Mederic J. Beauchesne Anne P. Bolianites | Epping Litchfield |
| 09/16/2001 | Philip S. Beaupre Linda S. Rogers | Epping Epping |
| 09/20/2001 | Michael Pelletier Kimberly K. Bronk | Epping Epping |
| 09/22/2001 | John W. Tracy Jennifer P. Ayres | Epping Epping |
| 09/22/2001 | William R. Childs Kimberly A. Shedd | Epping Epping |
| 09/22/2001 | William B. Pierce Cynthia C. Hemingway | Caldwell, NJ Epping |
| 09/22/2001 | Michael N. Hardin Angela M. Mills | Epping Epping |

Town Information Directory

EMERGENCY NUMBERS-

FIRE/POLICE/RESCUE

Emergency 911

GENERAL BUSINESS

Fire 679-5446

Police 679-5122

Animal Control 679-5122

TOWN OFFICES

Town Clerk/Tax Collector 679-8288
(vote & Car Registrations, dog licenses, taxes, water/sewer payments)

Water and Sewer 679-5171

Highway 396-3887

Recycling Center 679-4675

Planning and Zoning, Welfare 679-1202

Code Enforcement and Health 679-1224

Tax Assessing 679-5441

Town Administrator 679-5441

Library 679-5944

Recreation 679-3301

SCHOOLS

Superintendent's Office 679-8003

High School 679-5472

Elementary 679-8018

MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS

Governor of New Hampshire

The Honorable Jean Shaheen

208-214 State House, Concord, NH 03301 . 271-2121

U.S. Senators

Senator Robert Smith 433-1667

Senator Judd Gregg 431-2171

U.S. Representative

Congressman John Sununu 647-6600

Executive Councilor

Ruth Griffin 271-3632

Epping's State Senate Representative

Mary Brown 798-5461

Epping's State Representatives

Robert Dodge 679-5027

Ron Nowe 679-5977

OTHER COMMONLY USED NUMBERS

State Department of Motor Vehicles 679-2111

Epping Post Office 679-5952

Rockingham County Sheriff 679-2225

Exeter Chamber of Commerce 772-2411

Raymond Chamber of Commerce 895-0101

Rockingham Reg. Planning Commission ... 778-0885



*Start of the Olde Home Days
Jack Sharkey 5K*

Town Area Statistical Data

CID NUMBER: 810
 COUNTY: Rockingham
 LABOR MARKET AREA: Portsmouth-Rochester

DISTANCE TO:

Manchester, NH 15 miles
 Boston, MA 50 miles
 New York, NY 235 miles
 Montreal, Canada 280 miles

ELEVATION: 160 feet

TEMPERATURE (°F):

Annual Average 46.6
 January Average 22.2

PRECIPITATION: Annual Average 44.0 in.

DEMOGRAPHICS

| POPULATION | 2000 | 1990 | 1980 | 1970 |
|------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Community | 5,476 | 5,162 | 3,460 | 2,356 |
| County | 264,871 | 245,845 | 190,345 | 138,951 |

2000 Population by age:

| | | | |
|----------|-------|-------------|-------|
| under 5 | 383 | 35 to 39 | 2,149 |
| 5 to 19 | 1,219 | 60 to 74 | 486 |
| 20 to 34 | 1,030 | 75 and over | 209 |

COMMUTING PATTERNS 1990

Mean Travel Time To Work (minutes) 28.98
 Percent of Residents Working in Community: 20.0%
 Percent of Residents Working Elsewhere: 80.0%
 Percent of Nonresidents Community In: 52.3%

LARGEST EMPLOYER PRODUCT/ SERVICE EMPLOYEES

| | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|----|
| Epping Elementary School | Education | 87 |
| Epping High School | Higher Education | 91 |
| McDonalds | Fast Food Restaurant | 50 |
| Burger King | Fast Food Restaurant | 25 |
| PSNH | Electric Utility District Office | 15 |
| Abenaki Timber | Lumber/Timber | 30 |
| Omni Industrial | | 21 |
| Goodrich Brickyard | | 12 |
| ERRCO | Recycling | 47 |
| Hetners Orchard | | 12 |
| Crossroads Sports Center | Unknown | |

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Town Hall Hours: M-Th 8-4; F 8-12noon
 Type of Government: Selectmen/Town Meeting
 Fiscal Year: 2001
 Budget (Annual 2001): \$2,520,750

Planning Board: Elected
 Industrial Plans Reviewed By: Planning Board
 Zoning: 1968/99
 Master Plan: 1999
 Capital Improvement Plan: YES
 Full Time Police Department: YES
 Full Time Fire Department: YES
 Town Fire Insurance Rating: 5/9

TAXES (2001)

Local Property Tax Rate (per thousand) \$24.32
 Assessment Ratio: 71%
 Full-Value Property Tax (per thousand)
 2001 Valuation:
 Residential: \$185,141,800
 Commercial: \$ 26,431,374

HOUSING (2000)

Single-Family Units: 1564
 Number of Bldg. Permits 104
 Multi-Family Units: 412
 Number of Bldg. Permits 0
 Mobile Homes: 334

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier: PSNH/Electric Coop
 Natural Gas Supplier: None
 Water Supplier: Epping Water Dept.
 Source: 2 Bed Rock Wells
 Average Usage – Hoar Well 95 gpm
 Well #4 60 gpm
 Sanitation Sewer: Municipal
 Coverage: 25%
 Municipal Treatment Plant
 Treatment Plant Type: Aerated Lagoon
 Capacity (million gal/day): 0.14
 Load (percent of capacity): 83.17%

Town Area Statistical Data (cont).

Telephone Company: Verizon
 Telephone Switching: Digital
 Cellular Phone Access: YES
 Cable Television: YES

Nearest College/University: White Pines/McIntosh/
 UNH-Durham
 Number of Daycare Facilities: 2
 Total Capacity: 163

TRANSPORTATION/ACCESS

Road Access: Federal Routes: 101,125,27
 State Routes: I-95, Exit 2
 Nearest Interstate: Portsmouth
 Distance: 15 miles
 Railroad:
 Public Transportation:
 Nearest Airport: Manchester
 Runway: 7000 feet
 Lighted: YES
 Navigational Aids: YES
 Nearest Commercial Airport: Manchester
 Distance: 26 miles

MEDICAL & HEALTH

Nearest Hospital: EXETER HOSPITAL
 Distance: 10 miles Beds: 218
 Total number of Doctors Working in Town: 1

EDUCATIONAL/CHILDCARE FACILITIES

| | SCHOOLS | GRADES | ENROLL | VOCATION. EDUCATION |
|------------------------|---------|--------|--------|------------------------|
| Elementary | 1 | K-5 | 467 | |
| Middle/ Junior High | 1 | 6-8 | 258 | |
| High School | 1 | 9-12 | 382 | NO |

Nearest Technical College: Stratham Comm/
 Tech College

COMMUNITY SERVICES & RECREATION

Protestant Churches: 4
 Catholic Churches: 1
 Hotels/Motel: 1
 Bed/Breakfast Establishments: 4
 Shopping Centers/Malls:
 Cinemas:
 Live Theater: 2
 Museums: 1
 Other:
 Library: Harvey-Mitchell Memorial
 Municipal Parks: 1
 Conservation Areas: 3
 Tennis Courts: 1
 Nearest Ski Areas: White Mountains
 Other Recreation: 2 Race Tracks

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Town Administrator, Blaine Cox
 157 Main Street, Epping, NH 03042
 Telephone: (603) 679-544
 Fax Number: (603) 679-3002
 E-Mail: epping@nh.ultranet.com
 Web Page: <http://www.ci.epping.nh.us>

Elected Officials

The elected end-of-term year is beside each person's name.

SELECTMEN

Tom Gauthier, 2004, Chair
Susan McGeough, 2002
Kim Sullivan, 2004
Dianne Gilbert, 2003
Steve Johnson, 2003

TOWN CLERK

Linda Foley, 2004
Deputy: Eve Quinn Appointed (Resigned 10/1/01)
Deputy: Joyce Blanchard (effective 10/15/01)

TAX COLLECTOR

Linda Foley, 2004
Deputy: Eve Quinn Appointed (Resigned 10/1/01)
Deputy: Joyce Blanchard (effective 10/15/01)

TREASURER

Kathy Brewer, (resigned 8/31/01)
Interim Treasurer: Joseph Foley (effective 9/1/01)
Deputy: Nicki Carleton Appointed

FIRE WARDS

R. Dale Smith, Chair, 2003
Richard Cantrall, 1999, 2002
Michael King, 2004
Dianne Gilbert, Selectmen's Representative

CEMETARY TRUSTEES

Daniel Harvey, 2003
Fred Semprini, 2004
Paul Ladd, 2002

MODERATOR

Harold LaPierre 2002
Robert Goodrich, *Appointed Assistant, 2002*

PLANNING BOARD

Rob Graham, 2003, Chair
Ronald Nowe, 2003
Paul Spidle, 2002
Corey McPhee, 2004
Susan McGeough, Selectmen's Representative
R. Dale Smith (*Appointed Alternate*) 2003

Robert Wynot (*Appointed Alternate*) 2002
Steven Illsley (*Appointed Alternate*) 2003

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Teresa Kucera, 2002, Chair
Deborah McConnell, 2003
Patricia Van Wagoner, 2004

BUDGET COMMITTEE

James McGeough, 2002, Chair
John Sigmund, 2003
Robert Goodrich, 2004
Brenda McCartney, 2002
Michael King, 2003
Glenn Frederick, 2003
Terry Sheehan, 2004
R. Dale Smith, 2004
James White, 2002
Kim Sullivan, Selectmen's Representative
Dianne Gilbert, Alternate Selectmen's Representative
Scott Booth, School Board Representative

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUND

Joe Denoncour, 2004 Chair
Joseph Foley, 2002
Daniel Harvey, 2003

SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST

Grace Lavoie, 2004
Mary Lou Nowe, 2002
Pamela Holmes, 2006

WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION

Roger Gauthier, 2001 Chair
Henry DeBoer, 2002
Michael King, 2004

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Kevin Murphy, 2003, Chair
Ron LaChance, 2002
Paul Langdon, Jr., 2003
Tom Dwyer, Jr., 2004
Steve Illsley, 2004
Paul Brown, *Appointed Alternate*, 2002
Dick Fisher, *Appointed Alternate*, 2003
Stephanie Guy, *Appointed Alternate*, 2004

SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

Town Administrator, Blaine Cox
Assessing Clerk, Administrative Assistant:
Jeri Ann Smith, no term
Bookkeeper: Gladys Clark, (no term)
Planning Board Secretary:
Phyllis McDonough, (no term)
Code Enforcement Officer: Charlie Smart, (no term)
Civil Defense: Michael Jean

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief of Department: Gregory C. Dodge (no term)
Secretary: Patricia Wood (no term) resigned in 2001
(Julie Sullivan replacement)
Sergeant: Michael Wallace (no term)
Sergeant: Jason Newman (no term)
Detective: Marc Turner (no term)
School Resource Officer: Richard McFadden
Patrol Officers: Sean Gallagher, John Walsh, Richard
Cote, Bradley Jardis, Art Reed, Ray Fluet (no term)
Part Time Officers: Paul Hanley, Sgt. Richard
Newman, Sr., Jeffrey Leduc, Kevin Kelley,
Shannon Lussier, Michael Tully.
Animal Control Officer: Robin Gilbert

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief of Department: Christopher P. Murphy (no term)

WELFARE ADMINISTRATOR

Phyllis McDonough (no term)

LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Duane Shaffer (no term)

RECREATION DIRECTOR

Sean Kotkowski (no term)

RECREATION COMMISSION

Michelle Hughes, 2002
Carol Bonenfant, 2002
Mary Ellen Colford, 2003
Patti Kappotis, 2003
Gary MacLeay, 2004
Steve Johnson – Selectmen's Representative

BALLOT CLERKS

Virginia LaPierre, 2002
Marian Nouvertne, 2002
Ann Marie Amaru, 2002
Lucille Morin, 1998, 2002

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Gerald Langdon, 2002, Chair
Nancy Chase, *Alternate*, 2002
Jeff Conrad, 2002
Neal Folsom, 2003
Scott Kenneson, 2004
Scott Pim, 2003
Avis Rosenfield, 2004
Steve Johnson, Selectmen's Representative
Isobel Parke, Honorable Member

CROSSING GUARDS

Beverly Laurent
Sherry Arsenaull

LAMPREY RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Stephen Johnson
Sonja Gonzalez

ROCKINGHAM PLANNING COMMISSION

Steven Illsley, 2002

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Julie DiTursi, 20002
Madelyn Williamson, 2002
Deborah McConnell, 2002
Jason Sanderson, 2003
Susan McGeough, Selectmen's Representative

EPPING CABLE TV STEERING COMMITTEE

William Williamson, Chair (*resigned 10/2001*)
Ronald LaChance
Ernest Quinn (*resigned*)
Don Sisson
Steve Johnson, Selectmen's Representative
Mark Vallone, School District Representative

School District Officers

SCHOOL BOARD

Tom Ouellette, 2001
Marci Morris, 2002
Herb Hughes, 2002
Tom Carleton, 2003
Susan Kimball, 2001
Robin O'Day, 2001 (*Resigned*)

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Robert F. Bell

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

Barbara Munsey

SPECIAL EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Cathryn Zylinski

ADMINISTRATORS

Grades 1 – 5
Mark Vallone, Principal
Grades 6 – 12
Dr. Victor Petzy, Principal
Dagmar Franke, Assistant Principal

TREASURER

Melissa MacLeod

MODERATOR

Harold K. LaPierre, 2002

CLERK

Paul Spidle, 2002

SELECTMEN'S OFFICE
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157 Main Street
Epping, NH 03042

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